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Request that President Rhee accompany General Taylor on a trip to Pusan.

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Mr. Yu Chang Jun
Secretary to the President
Kyung Mu Dai
Seoul, Korea

Dear Mr. Yu:

General Taylor has asked me to write you in order to determine President Rhee's interest in accompanying General Taylor on a trip to Pusan sometime toward the end of next week. Colonel Bowen, Eighth Army AFAK Officer, and General Whitcomb, the Commander of Pusan Military Post, would both very much like to have the President and General Taylor present in Pusan for a number of important ceremonies, among which will be a ground breaking or corner stone laying at the Maryknoll Hospital, a dedication of the Kuk Jae market road, the opening of the Labor Hotel, and the turnover of Yong Do housing project to the housing authority.

As tentatively planned, the program would provide for the President and General Taylor to leave Seoul at approximately 0900 in a C-47 airplane. They would thus arrive Pusan at about 1015 and would proceed from one dedicatory ceremony to the next until lunch time at approximately 1200. After lunch, at perhaps 1300, they would proceed to a few more dedicatory ceremonies, finishing at approximately 1430 hours. Thus they would arrive back in Seoul at approximately 1600 hours.

The date which we should like to suggest is July 22. If the President is responsive to the idea as outlined above and if the tentative date is satisfactory to him, General Taylor will ask Colonel Bowen and General Whitcomb to prepare a more specific and more detailed schedule, which I shall send to you as soon as we receive it. If the President is interested in this trip but cannot make it on July 22, we shall of course be happy to change it. In any event, I should appreciate hearing from you either by letter or telephone as soon as your schedule permits.

Sincerely,

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Army Commander