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Summary:

Syngman Rhee writes with details of Staggers visit to Korea.

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Dear Mr. Stagers:

I am glad to receive your letters and wish to thank you for them.

When the reconstruction of the Bando Hotel was first undertaken, it was expected the work would be completed by the end of this year. However, due the numerous delays in delivery of material, etc, we cannot hope to open the hotel until April.

I have to tell you that you must be prepared for some inconvenience here because you will have to live in a Korean hotel which will probably have no modern conveniences.

We are eager to see you and I feel sure you will make the best arrangements possible.

I have asked Ambassador Yang to advance a maximum of \$2,000 for your round trip which is to cover all your expenses. I trust you will have a pleasant trip over and the rest you need so much.

Mrs. Rhee and I leave today for Chinhae for some relaxation. It has been a heavy year and we are both very tired.

Yours sincerely,

Syngman Rhee

(not signed because President has departed for holiday)

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