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Summary:

Preston Goodfellow asks about Rhee's response to Colonel Mann's proposal on tungsten.

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Dear Dr. Rhee:

Since I forwarded to you the proposal on the tungsten Colonel Mann has phoned repeatedly from Pittsburg to learn whether you had received his letter and whether you had any interest. You are well acquainted with the type of business man who likes to move rapidly. He is much like Mr. Bechtel, both resourceful and competent with a burning desire to get things done. Of course you possess much of the same spirit.

I have assured Colonel Mann things do not move very rapidly in the Orient and told him to have patience and he will hear from you very soon.

Colonel Mann was so convinced that his plan, which leaves Korea in complete control, would be so acceptable, that he went out and got his shots preparatory to a trip to Korea to discuss the proposal. I shall tell him to be patient and he will hear from you.

Events at Geneva are again proving to the world that you know the Russians and their nefarious tactics better than the rest of us. Many of us here get confused with the conflicting statements from high places which supposedly interpret our foreign policy. But at least our policy seems to be firming up. Many of our armed services people think your solution may be the only way out.

Talked with Stagers yesterday on his return and was pleased to learn you were in fine health. I imagine an election time is somewhat hectic but that is soon over.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

M. Preston Goodfellow

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