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Syngman Rhee responds to James Cromwell's proposal for the Private Enterprise Plan.

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My dear Mr. Cromwell:

For some time I have been intending to write you, and I am sorry that so far I have been unable to do so.

It is my strong desire to remain grateful to my friends, few as they are, who were so helpful to me and our cause when no one cared to listen to me. If I can do anything to show my gratitude I am more than happy to do it.

Please be assured that I want to help you in any of your projects to help Korea economically or otherwise. The resolution Mr. Shafer introduced contains misinformation which implies the Korean Government is socialistic and operates industries on a monopolistic basis. This is entirely untrue and therefore hurtful. If you can see that this misinformation is corrected, I have no reason to object to any such program which is intended to help Korea.

I do hope you will understand my personal desires in this matter.

My best wishes to you,

Yours sincerely,

/ SYNGMAN RHEE

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