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Summary:

Someone associated with James H. R. Cromwell writes to Syngman Rhee regarding the renaming of the Private Enterprise Plan.

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Dear Yi Paksa:

Jim Cromwell received your letter of February 4th just as he was leaving for a Lincoln Birthday speech-making tour in Florida and he asked me to reply in his absence. The following are his thoughts:

He believed you were concerned over the fact that the Plan For Private Enterprise in the R.O.K. had been devised by him and therefore should be named for you and he assumed that the explanation in the introduction would overcome your objections in that respect. He himself knows so so well how utterly indifferent you are to personal financial matters, that he was quite shocked to learn from your letter of January that you feared unconscionable enemies might suspect you could profit in some way because he had named the Plan in your honor.

The purpose he had in mind in using your name is exemplified in the reaction expressed in Congressman Shafer's letter which he sent to you recently, i.e., he wanted you to receive full credit for being the chief apostle of Private Enterprise in the Orient, and especially for espousing the implementation of the American System in Korea. Naturally your belief and faith in our social order and way of life is certain to please and flatter the American people and thereby to enhance your own and R.O.K. popularity and prestige in the United States. However, as he stated, he would never for a moment oppose either your wishes or your judgment; he has devised an excellent substitute in the name "Private Enterprise Plan", and needless to say, the "Rhee Plan" will henceforth be deleted and never used again.

"KOMUNKWAN"



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