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Summary:

Staggers explains the history of the Grafe Company bid for the tungsten operaton.

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MEMORANDUM (A) To Clarify

July 15, 1955

TO: President Syngman Rhee

In Re: Grafe-Callahan Company

I am writing you four memos for one purpose only. That purpose is to clear the situation in your mind as I am sure someone has misinformed you.

Mr. Ball of the Grafe Callahan Company made a trip to Korea and a number of trips to Washington and was in constant contact with the Embassy for a period of more than a year after submitting the bid. The Grafe Company submitted their bid on the tungsten operation while John Chang was Ambassador in Washington. See copy of my letter dated September 23, 1952 attached hereto.

When the new Ambassador You Chan Yang took over, Mr. Ball took the tungsten matter up with him, and was in touch with him constantly up to the time the contract was let. I think I have already given you the circumstances under which the bids were handled. If you haven't a clear understanding of the entire situation, I will be glad to give you further information.

Sincerely,

J.W.S.

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