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Harold Lady suggests giving embassy status to the Korean legation in the Philippines.

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Dear President Rhee:

Subject: Giving Embassy Status to Korean Legation in Manila

Reference is made to my Memo No. 99 of November 8, 1955, advising that the SEATO (Southeast Asia Treaty Organization) Nations were planning to raise their diplomatic representatives to the Philippine Republic to the rank of Ambassador.

It is again recommended that Korea initiate action to up-grade its legation in Manila to an Embassy.

Below are clippings from Manila newspapers of December 20 announcing the appointments of full Ambassadors to Australia, Thailand, and Nationalist China.

THE MANILA TIMES
Dec. 20, 1955 Page 7

Appoint Three Ambassadors

An authoritative source disclosed the appointment by President Magsaysay yesterday of the first Philippine ambassadors to Australia, Nationalist China and Thailand.

Named were Roberto Regala, at present minister to Australia, as ambassador to the same country; Manuel Adeva, minister to Nationalist China, as ambassador to Thailand; and Narciso Ramos, minister to India, as ambassador to Nationalist China, the source said.

The same source disclosed that Gaultier Bismar, foreign office counselor on legal affairs, was appointed consul to Vancouver, United States, and that Juan Arreglado, minister-counselor of the Philippine embassy in Spain, would take over Gaultier's post.

Regala was promoted to ambassador by virtue of the recent elevation of the diplomatic representation between the Philippines and Australia from legation to embassy status. His ap-

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Tuesday, December 20, 1955

THE PHILIPPINE HERALD

Ramos to Taipei; Chen to present credentials today

Narciso Ramos, now serving as minister of the Philippines in New Delhi has been designated ambassador to Taipei, Formosa, it was learned last night.

The Philippine legation in the Nationalist China capital becomes an embassy upon assumption of Chinese Ambassador Chen Chimai, whose presentation of credential to President Magsaysay will take place at four o'clock

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this afternoon in Malacañang.

The ceremony, at which ranking diplomats are expected, had originally been scheduled for Wednesday last week but was postponed. Ambassador Chen arrived Friday, Dec. 9.

The designation of Roberto Regala as ambassador to Australia, and of Manuel A. Adeva as ambassador to Bangkok, Thailand, was also learned last night. It could not be immediately ascertained who would replace Regala in New Delhi as minister.

Ambassador to Bangkok Adeva, up to his appointment was minister to Taipei. Ambassador Regala has been minister to Australia since the establishment of a Philippine diplomatic mission in Sydney.

Harold Wendell Lady