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**Letter, Harold Lady to Syngman Rhee**

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**Summary:**

Harold Lady suggests Syngman Rhee accept the attached agreements.

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Dear President Rhee:

It is recommended that Korea enter into the agreement discussed in the attached papers. The fact that Korea has been invited to sign such an agreement is a compliment and expression of confidence in the integrity and efficiency of Korean personnel.

I am not an expert on such matters. However, I foresee no disadvantages to Korea in the proposed agreement and believe there may be many advantages including:

- a. The benefit of instruction in the most modern techniques
- b. Acquisition of specialized and difficult to obtain equipment
- c. Financial assistance which could become quite considerable in amount if the need should arise
- d. Closer understanding and greater confidence on both sides
- e. Opportunities to help the other party avoid mistakes (if an agreement such as this had been effective in early 1950 proper preparations to repel the invasion might have been made).

If the Korean Government does not already have a centralized control such as that recommended in the attached papers, its establishment would appear to be highly advisable.

*Harold*  
Harold Wendell Lady