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Summary:

Young Kee Kim briefs Minister Cho on the foreign service personnel appointments in Philippines, Indonesia, and China. He also reports on Vice Consul Do Soon Chung's activities in Manila International Film Festival, official and social functions.

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Dear Mr. Minister:

On September 24, a radiogram was dispatched, informing you of the proposal of the Department of Foreign Affairs to announce on September 26, simultaneously in Seoul and in Manila, of the appointment of the new Philippine Minister to Korea, Cosme P. Garcia. On September 26, the Department of Foreign Affairs announced that the ROK government has given its agreement to the proposed appointment of Minister Garcia, to succeed incumbent Philippine Minister Tomas G. de Castro, who is being assigned as deputy chief of Mission to the United Nations Organization.

Counselor Mauro Mendez is being transferred from the UN Mission to the Embassy in Paris as minister-counselor. Minister Jose D. Ingles, whose place de Castro is taking, will be the first Philippine Minister to the Bonn Government.

Indonesian Minister R. Tjokroadisumarto, having completed a three and a half year tour of duty in the Philippines, left on September 27. He was replaced by the new Ambassador Nazir Datuk, who arrived here on the same day. The new Indonesian envoy is 60 years old. A lawyer by profession, he ~~had~~ joined the foreign service after World War II. He served for three years as ambassador to France, and was the former head of the Indonesian diplomatic mission in Arabian countries with headquarters in Cairo, Egypt.

The Chinese Embassy submitted to Taipeh for approval, a formula for the repatriation of some 2500 overstayed temporary Chinese visitors here, prior to its presentation to the Philippine Government. Under the proposed formula, the 2500 will be divided into the following order for repatriation: 1) Communists; 2) prostitutes and other offenders of the Philippine Law; 3) competitors with local labor; and 4) all others. Those without relatives or means of support will have priority under the fourth category. The formula was tentatively arranged at a consultation with Nationalist Foreign Minister George K.G. Yeh during his visit here last year. One hundred thirty persons were deported while eighty persons, including four communists awaiting for repatriation to Taipeh. Thirty persons convicted of profiteering, robbery and other crimes are booked for deportation.

Some of the unscrupulous Chinese overstayed temporary visitors, knowing their peculiar circumstance are engaged in unlawful smuggling trade between Hongkong and the Philippines, thus causing apprehensions to the custom and immigration authorities. A few days ago, a Chinese national, who arrived here from Hongkong with a forged health certificate, was repatriated to Hongkong.

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I am happy to report that Vice Consul Do Soon Chung has been honored by the First Manila International Film Festival Committee to serve as a juror in reviewing the feature, documentary and competitive films of eight different nations. The Film Festival will be observed from September 26 to October 8, 1956, and many producers, directors, actors and actresses have arrived here to participate in the film festival which is sponsored by the Cultural Section of the Department of Foreign Affairs. Due to lack of interest and time, Korea lost the opportunity to show a Korean film either feature or documentary, except for a film "Korean Fantasy". I sincerely hope that we should not lose sight of the utmost importance of showing the historical and cultural background of our country. It is one of the media to publicize the stamina of Korean people in their struggle to ward off Communist aggression in Korea.

Besides his consular duties at the office, Vice Consul Chung has to attend so many official and social functions. Since his arrival here last year, he has improved a lot and the experience he has gained here will become a valuable asset to his foreign service career. He needs someone to assist him in his work in Korean, and I would like to know if you have found a girl who is qualified to be a receptionist and Korean secretary. I noticed an advertisement in the Korean Republic calling for an unmarried Korean girl to be employed as a typist in English and Korean.

Mr. Park, Chong Sik, Poong Han Industrial Company arrived here with samples of marine products to display for the interested traders, and at the same time he and his co-worker Chin, Ehoong Pil make direct contact with wholesale houses to sell Korean apples and chestnuts. Under the present condition, quality products can be sold on the competitive price; and it is recommended that our exporters be given by our government every possible assistance to open up the trade channels.

Faithfully yours,

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Minister

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