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Summary:

Young Kee Kim briefs Minister Cho that two scholarship students failed to come to Philippines.

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*Ministry of Defense is going to recommend
two prospective army officer to be discharged
to go to Manila under this arrangement.
The Ministry is going to recommend two
names this afternoon.*

June 20, 1956

Dear Mr. Minister:

I am disappointed that the two fellowship students failed to obtain deferment from the Ministry of National Defense and were unable to come to the Philippines to enroll in the University of the Philippines of which school term has already been commenced last week. I wonder whether it would be possible for you to designate two alternates who can be available for the scholarship which pays both air transportation, tuition and incidental expenses besides a monthly allowance of P200.00 more or less. The prospective candidates should be the ones whose deferment for military service are either approved or extended. If qualified students are available who can come and enroll in the school from the second semester (September 5) please let me know so that I can make a different arrangement with the sponsors.

Rear Admiral Wendell G. Switzer, commander of the U.S. naval forces in the Philippines, ordered a drastic overhaul of base regulations of inspection procedures to prevent illegal importation of luxury goods by military personnel. So many military personnel bring in luxury goods from Hongkong for sale, and the Philippines Custom inspectors are helpless in checking up illicit traffic of contraband. The Philippine government made representations with naval authorities and recommended putting up a custom office to be manned by the U.S. Navy and Bureau of Customs inside the naval reservation.

Thailand Minister Chitti Sucharitakul, newly designated Ambassador to the Philippines presented his letters of credence to President Magsaysay. Italy also agreed to elevate the status of Legation to Embassy as proposed by the Philippines and the appointment of respective new Ambassadors will soon be announced. Pakistan Minister Choudri Khaliqzaman accredited to the Philippines with residence in Djakarta comes to Manila every so often to conduct state affairs of diplomacy. Burma and the Philippines agree to exchange diplomatic representatives with the rank of Ambassadorship.

Yours very truly,

Young Kee Kim

Dr. Chung Whan Cho
Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs
Seoul, Korea

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