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#### **Summary:**

Young Kee Kim inquires about awarding Ulchi Distinguished Military Service Medals to recipients and reports the 1955 foreign trade statistics.

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Dear Minister Cho:

An inquiry was made in my letter of January 9, 1956 with regard to the presentation of the Ulchi Distinguished Military Service Medals which were sent to Captain C. Montano, Foreign Relations Officer, Armed Forces of the Philippines, last December. The medals were originally mailed by Lt. General Young Hoon Kang to Captain Montano, who turned them over to our Legation with the hope that the same be awarded by the Korean Minister to the recipients. As I received no further instructions from you on the matter, it is presumed that the military service medals will be presented to the awardees at a ceremony at our Legation.

I would like to request you to remind the Ministry of Defense of a duplication of military service medal of the same order which was included in the same package. Colonel Nicanor T. Jimenez, Commanding Officer of the 14th BCT, AFP, who was designated to be decorated, already received his military service medal at a ceremony held at our Legation on October 22, 1954.

I have been informed by the University of the Philippines of its approval in awarding two fully paid scholarships to the two students whom your Ministry recommended. All the documents pertaining to the scholarships are attached to the Korean weekly report. The three students who finished one academic year at the University of the Philippines will return to Korea soon.

The 1955 foreign trade statistics released by the Department of Commerce and Industry revealed that Korea bought from the Philippines P4,170,000 worth of products and sold only P13,000 worth of Korean goods. Korea is the only country that bought such an enormous amount of goods from the Philippines. It is worth the effort of our Ministry of Commerce and Industry to look into the possibility of opening a trade channel in the Philippines where all the nations seek two-way trade.

The "Know Your Neighbor" program, under the auspices of the Philippine International Friendship Organization with direct supervision of Cultural Director Castrence, Department of Foreign Affairs, was held at the Legation lawn last Sunday afternoon. One hundred seventy five people, including foreign students, members of the diplomatic missions and Filipino friends

enjoyed the program. We showed colored slides and the Korean films - "Korean Fantasy" and "Kayukum" which consisted of sceneries, royal court music and dances. The movie was colorful and entertaining. Credit is due to the OPI for the success of the cultural program which made good impression on Korea. Literatures on Korea were taken home by those who are interested in Korea.

The Holy Week, from March 29th to April 1st, Easter Sunday, has been declared legal holiday.

Sincerely yours,

*Young Kee Kim*  
YOUNG KEE KIM

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

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