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Summary:

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Dear Madame Rhee:

I am deeply appreciative of your good letter of December 15 in which you have shown keen interest in my program of Korean entertainment at the "Know Your Neighbors" project of the Philippine International Friendship Organization. Our country will be host in February and we will try our best to show what we have and borrow a few films on Korea from the United States Information Service.

Our Legation is scheduled to hold the program in the latter part of February, and if possible I would like to get some Korean handicrafts, brass candlesticks with butterfly wind-shield, multi-colored Kwangwha mats and other objects of art you think will be suitable for display.

When the time comes for Y.K. to visit Korea, I would like to accompany him so that I would be able to observe the progress of the reconstruction and rehabilitation projects in Korea. Totally ignorant of present conditions at home, I cannot intelligently answer questions put to me. If permission is granted, my husband would like to visit Korea for observation as well as to report directly to the President, and I would be delighted to accompany him at my own expense. As we have been here more than two years, we feel like getting away from the heat for a change. I have a tentative plan to take a month's vacation to Hawaii this coming summer, for it might do me good.

I wish to thank you for the beautiful bamboo basket with the seaweeds which we can make good use of by serving at cocktails before dinner.

Yours sincerely,

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