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Francesca Rhee**

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**Summary:**

Minister Kim writes in support of President Rhee and describes the legation building in the Philippines.

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Your Honourable Madame,

I wish to thank Your Honourable and His Excellency for the letter No. 69 and the magazine "TOGETHER". Reading of ~~the~~ ~~pages~~ pages of 11-13 of this magazine, once again, I deeply impressed in my heart the early Christian experiences of His Excellency as well as his whole life's devotion to the freedom and independence for Korea and the Korean people. We are trying our best to learn and to hope in the principles which our Great President and the World's Great leader Mr. Rhee has been taught us and we, the Korean people on a whole, further hope and pray that Mr. Rhee's leadership will be with us for still many years to come. President Rhee's long remain leadership with us is the only way the Republic of Korea can firmly stand on strong foundation. The Communist, the Japanese Winds are still strong round our shores and our Great President's strong leadership is, very much so, continuously required in Korea for many future years. Our daily earnest prayers are, therefore, God's protection on His Excellency's and Your Honourable's health. We are very sure

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this is our 30,000,000 Korean daily prayers and also the prayers of many millions and thousand millions of our free world people today. There is no doubt, our Almighty God will surely answer our loyal prayers.

In regard to the question of our Legation's building, which I have noted for a high rental and which we also considering for a possible purchasing of a house for our purpose instead of paying a high rent in each month, the real estate market here is very high in general. Of course, that is the chief reason why the building rents are so high these days. This house which we are occupying now, for instance, it has some 14 small and large rooms with three stories attached to the garden and ground size of some 2,000 square meters. The estimated cost of this house is about P400,000 or in official rate is about \$200,000. This is really, terribly expensive one and the general price movement of the real estates here is same all over in Manila. Some people suggest that buy a lot and build a new house is cheaper, but even so, it will cost nearly P300,000 or more if we <sup>are</sup> going to build a similar size

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of house as the house we are occupying now on the same size of ground. But this is also expensive one and I am afraid our Government will not be able to allocate such a big budget for buying a house.

I hope sent a cable in Kyungju on November 28 last, informing about Admiral Redford's Korea visit possibility and I do hope the cable was promptly delivered. The Admiral and Mrs. Redford are so happy to visit Korea but they said their future schedule is not sure, so they will touch with our Korean Mission in Tokyo on or about December 11th. rest for Seoul visit.

During the week on Tuesday we were invited by the Philippines Republic Dept. and the American Navy to attend a reception honoring the SEATO participating members. On Wednesday the Secretary of Education paid his return call in our office. In the evening we invited two Philippine Foreign Office officers and two Korean delegates who are attending the Far-East Accounting Conference here, to a dinner at our home. On Friday Mrs. Kim and I visited Admiral and Mrs. Redford at the American Air base. They were so happy to receive us and they are, of course, so happy to visit his

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Excellency and Your Honourable but only thing they deeply concerned about is their future schedule is they un-certain, they said. But said, <sup>they</sup> Will Contact our Korean Mission in Japan on or about December 11th. Left to make sure about Snow Visit. In the evening we gave a dinner to two FAO Korean delegates and 6 Korean Navy engineering group who are here in American Naval base, at our Legation. On Saturday we were invited by the Chinese Ambassador to a reception honoring his Country's Foreign Affairs Minister who was stopped over here for a day. After that we also attended in a dinner given by Methodist pastor Garcia whom we have known for some time. On Sunday we attended a lecture service held in Far Eastern University by Mr. Douglas Hyde of British speaker at the S.E.A.F.O Conference. He ~~was~~ <sup>is</sup> a Communist and editor of the "Daily Worker". But 1948, he was converted to a Catholic member and since then he is a leading anti-Communist. It was very interesting lecture telling about his experiences. Again I hope and pray that His Excellency and Your Honourable always keep good health and many happy hours each and every day.

With kindest regards and high esteem,  
Your Honourable's loyal servant,  
Lincoln Hoan Kim 30