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**Letter No. 71 from Syngman Rhee to Minister L.  
Hoon Kim**

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**Summary:**

President Rhee inquires Minister Kim about Admiral Radford's itinerary to Philippines, which conflicts with previously obtained information.

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To Minister L. H. Kim, Manila

From the President

I thank you for your letter No. 11, and note your comments in regard to the report of the Red Cross Conference.

I am pleased that you had an opportunity of talking with the Foreign Affairs Secretary concerning the visit of Premier Kishi and his plans to 'sell' to the Philippines Government the idea of a workable Asia Development Plan. I shall be interested to receive any news reports of the visit and also the reaction of the press to the Plan in general.

With regard to your enquiry whether a Consul General has been appointed for Sydney, it is understood from the Foreign Ministry that, as yet, no definite decision has been made. I realize the importance of having a suitable person there as soon as possible and have urged the Foreign Office/expedite an appointment.

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I received your cable advising that Admiral Radford would be leaving Manila for Honolulu and would contact the Korean Mission in Tokyo on 11th December in regard to a Seoul visit. In the meantime, because I had not heard from you in this regard, prior to sending my second cable, I contacted our Ambassador in Taipei and he advised me that the Admiral had left for Honolulu and, as the purpose of his current trip was to attend the SEATO Conference in Manila, he could not change his schedule without the permission of his Home Government. I understand further that Japan was never included in his itinerary. I wish you would explain how you obtained the message and information in your cable as it conflicts very much with the information we now have that Admiral Radford could not come to Korea because it was not the wish of his Government.

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Enclosed is excerpt from the Philippine Newsletter in which it is stated that the Hotel and Restaurant Association of the Philippines has proposed to Japanese Hotel owners the formation of an East Asia Hotel and Restaurant Association, and that an invitation will also be extended to Indonesia, Formosa, Singapore and Hongkong. I am wondering why Korea has not been suggested to be part of the Association and wish you would contact Mr. Enriquez to find out the reason why we have not been invited.

I have also read a United Press news report from Manila in which it is stated that "President Garcia today (December 2) said he favored inclusion of Japan, Nationalist China, south Korea and Malaya into the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization". I am very surprised to learn that the President supports inclusion of Japan, which leans so strongly to Communism while claiming a neutralist stand and would never sincerely support the cause of SEATO.

Recently you typed some of your letters to me and I would be very appreciative if you would kindly have your correspondence typed in the future, as with the large number of letters it is necessary for me to read, I find that much time is saved by not having to read long hand. I am asking all our representatives to help me in this way.