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Francesca Rhee**

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Summary:

Minister Kim briefs Mrs. Rhee on the SEATO conference, visit of Premier Kishi to Manila, and the Philippine-Japanese travel and visa dispute.

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Your Honorable Madame,

I wish to thank your honorable for the cable No 11 received on November 2/57 and I am deeply appreciated of his excellency's Congratulatory cable to President Garcia on November 15th. last.

On my report of the Red Cross Conference, in my last week's letter the number of names listed in the North Korean Communist report on South Korean War missing persons, it was reported to me by Miss Shin-sil Kim of Korean National Red Cross as 600 but if the number is not correct, then please kindly consider the number was mis-reported. But I am still very much doubt about the Communist report of those names which they try to make us believe that those persons are still alive. The day when we submitted our resolution to that Red Cross Conference, the North Korean Communist expressed that they had never taken away any civilian from South Korea. On that same evening the list of those names delivered to us by the Committee of the International Red Cross. It is, of course, our humble hope that some day those named persons can be returned to their respective homes, but I am very much afraid of that hope is only vain one because we know too well of the Communist's propaganda and we never can have any thing upon what the Communist say; dealing with such inhuman beings always proved to be the time-wasting and vain hope.

The followings are some of the notable news of the past week:

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- (a) The Philippine-Japanese trade and visa dispute of recent months is still in critical stage and at any rate the Philippine Government takes a strong position whereby it limits the number of Japanese businessmen's entry to 200 at a given time and their stay shall not be over 6 months. Japanese Government is trying to change some of those limits but it seems has very little possibility.
- (b) The SEATO Seminar Conference is scheduled to be held on September 26th next at the City of Baguio here and it is said President Garcia will give an opening address and the Secretary of Foreign Affairs will deliver a closing address on 29th.
- (c) The leading opinion here is that although the Japanese Premier Kishi will visit here on September 6th for one day, but it is said the possibility of achievement on his Southeast Asia development Plan is very unlikely. In this connection I had another opportunity to see the Foreign Affairs Secretary the other day and I displayed the detail motive behind the plan.

The Philippines Exposition is going to be delayed for two weeks by certain reason and it is said will open on December 15th instead of 1st December. Our pavilion is now on the way of construction and through our Foreign Ministry, the Sydney Fair Fund balance had already transferred to our Legation here.

During the week on Wednesday we attended

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the Thailand Navy day reception. On Thursday I made a courtesy call on the British Ambassador here who just returned from his six month home leave. On Friday, I, with other diplomats, had opportunity to visit the President and congratulated him for his election victory. On some day Mrs. Kim also paid her courtesy visit to the wife of the German Minister here.

I have not heard of Mr. Chun of Sydney for some time due to my conference attending in India. I am wondering whether Mr. Song Bon Lim, the former Governor of Korea Coal Corporation has any possibility of going to Sydney for that vacant position as it was noted in some Korean newspaper some time ago. At any rate, Mr. Chun then should have to have one more man because one man administration in a public office is not very nice, in my opinion.

Once again my sincere constant prayer for Your Honourable's and His Excellency's best good health at always.

With warm kind regards and deep esteem,
Your Honourable's loyal servant,
Lincoln Soon Kim