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Your Honourable Madame,

I wish to thank Your Honourable very deeply for the letters no. 64, 65, 66, and 67 which I just read after my return from the Red Cross Conference in India. I further wish and pray that Your Honourable and His Excellency have always been keeping a splendid good health, especially during last several weeks while I was absent from Manila. I had sent three cables during the Conference there, to our Foreign Ministry in the hope of the Ministry to inform it to Kyung Mu Sei and also I sent another cable to Kyung Mu Sei on November 12th. informing that I have returned safely although the Typhoon delayed me two days. I was not able to send any detailed letter to Kyung Mu Sei from India because it impressed me the attitude of those people, especially, the Government people, seemed not very friendly. Therefore I did not have much confidence in their mail service which often times they mixed up the two Koreas and delivered to us the north Korean mail.

In regard to His Excellency's letter no. 67 the instruction on our budget matter regard to dollar selling market, I fully and carefully consider our budget circumstances and the money exchange rate situation as it is now, the suggestion, is the only way we can meet the expenses here.

The foreign exchange control law here 61

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is, on the other hand, very difficult one. The Central Bank Foreign Exchange Control Law Circular No. 20, 1949 sec. 20, Article No. 4 of all Foreign exchange receiving shall be done through the Central Bank of the Philippines. Also the utilization of the pouch service for this money carrying matter from Hong Kong seems quite danger in case of loss or any other careless human action should takes place. In the case of loss it will be a complete loss and no legal claim can be applied. I still remember a number of cases in Sydney, some times the pouch bags circulated round several different places and countries before they reached to the proper address and one time we had about one month delay receiving. None by human action, nothing can be absolute and perfect and some times the big risk may happen and it will be too expensive. But I shall have to follow what the previous people did so far until we will discover some other better method. I sincerely hope Your Honorability will not worry it too much.

Following are the Red Cross Conference matters:

1. The Conference was represented by 82 different countries with some 450 delegates and the president of the Indian Red Cross Society (a lady) was elected to the chairmanship of the Conference and she seemed too popular to the Communist countries from the beginning and frankly, I did not like the place this Conference was held and the attitude of those people whom I met there not so pleasant and it seems really they do not know whom they are dealing. Many of them people for

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talk so much about different philosophy of life but I found so many poor people here and there who sleep along the side walks of the streets ^{in the night.} especially in the city of Calcutta the population of over two million. The President's so called palace is very wonderful but I am sure plenty money had consumed there. Unfortunately that wonderful beauty doesn't seem directly help in the many poor souls!

Well, in that Red Cross Conference many things being discussed but I will only note here under some of the problems and discussions which concerned in our Korean affairs.

1. In the humanitarian Law discussion which lasted for nearly three days, Japan submitted a resolution aiming in stop use of all nuclear weapons and nuclear test. But the Red Cross International Committee already submitted the draft rules of protecting the civilian population in time of war including the resolutions of Toronto Conference of 1952 and the resolution of the Board of Governors of the League of ~~the~~ Red Cross Conference of Oslo, 1954 which all included the articles concerning the use and the limits of the nuclear weapons. The U.S. do not favor the Japanese resolution but they rather cooperate with the Red Cross Committee's resolution. Along with Philippines, from the Korean delegation I took the floor and gave an argument that additional resolution such as the resolution put up by the Japanese delegation is not really necessary because the draft rules submitted by the Red Cross Committee has already included

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all those points regard the danger of Nuclear Weapons. I said it is really not the problem of lacking of more resolutions but the important problem is how can we stop those people who create the war. If those people who are so aggressive, can change their minds and hearts to the humanitarian love, then we do not have to worry about the nuclear weapons in the first place. After several debates, Japan finally withdrew the resolution.

2. We submitted our resolution regarding the repatriation of our war missing persons taken away by the North Korean Communist force. Just before our resolution, Canada also submitted the similar resolution which aims to repatriate part of the family members of the European immigrant families in Canada, who are still held in the Communist areas. So it was agreed by the Conference, that Korean problems should be included in the Canadian resolution since the nature of those two resolutions are almost same. Thus, our resolution was not separately considered.

3. About the six Korean P.O.W. members in India, we had opportunity to meet two of them, who are planning to go to Argentina. They said they will be leaving soon and they feel quite happy to meet the other Koreans who ^{are} already in Argentina. But for the other four Koreans we strongly requested both the International Red Cross Committee and the Indian Red Cross Society to urge the Indian Government to consider those four Korean P.O.W.'s freedom of their own choice 64

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- and send them to the country of their wish. The Indian Red Cross said they will do it for the humanitarian achievement.
4. Our delegate protested to the Conference that permitting of north Korean delegates to the Conference is an illegal one because the Republic of Korea is the only lawful government in Korea. They also impaled the Republic of Korea in 1950, therefore they violated the humanitarian principle.
5. We also tried to protest the Committee of International Red Cross for having issued passports to those 28 Koreans in Japan for going to Communist north, but one of the Committee members promised to our delegate Mr. Choi that they will not hereafter issue such a passport and in case if such a case comes up, they will first refer the matter to the Government of the Republic of Korea. The memorandum for this promise is attached to the regular report which will be submitted to His Excellency soon as the report has been completed.
6. The names and address of 600 war missing persons taken away by the Communist from South during the war have been delivered to our delegation through the International Red Cross Committee during the Conference and our Red Cross Miss Shin-sil Kim will deliver those names list to our Government soon as she returns to Korea. We also refused to receive those names list directly from the Communist because we refused recognizing them.

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7. The Japanese delegation brought two fishermen's wives to the conference and tried to protest Korea for their fishermen in Pusan Campus. But through one of our delegates we warned them if Japan try to put up that problem, the Korean delegation will put up the Japanese ill treatment toward the 600,000 Koreans in Japan as well as the ill treatment to the Koreans in Osaka Campus in Japan. This warning certainly stopped them and they did not put up that question.
8. The U.S. delegation submitted the resolution to invite the Republic of China delegation to the conference. We backed the U.S. and I took the floor and urged the conference that sending an invitation to the name of the Government of Formosa instead of the Republic of China is an act of violence committed by the standing committee of the International Red Cross and the authorities concerned should be responsible for changing the proper title of a sovereign state. An immediate correction of the invitation is urgently required and the ~~the~~ delegation of the Republic of China should be admitted to this conference immediately. This way I strongly urged the conference! After two long days debate, finally voting took place with the result of 62 favored the resolution and 42 the Communist delegates with some delegates from the neutral countries against. 66
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of China delegation was invited in the Conference and the 18 Communist and Communist favored Countries all walked out. The Indian Chairman also resigned. But with the majority the Conference being carried to the conclusion. I am also enclosing few copies of my statements made during the Conference for your Honorable's information.

During the week we attended the dinner party given by the President here in the palace in honoring the American Ambassador and his lady who are returning to the State for a short vacation. Today we also attended the reception given by ICA people here to honor the departing minister and Mrs. Brennan.

Hoping that both your Honorable and His Excellency always keep very pleasant health together with many happy hours. I conclude with best wishes and kind regards together with high esteem,
Your Honorable's loyal servant,

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