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Summary:

President Rhee notifies that he will discuss the renovation of the Capitol Building with other personnel.

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To Minister L. Hoon Kim

From the President

Thank you for your letter No. 4 which I have read with interest.

I have carefully studied your suggestion for the renovation of the Capitol Building and am most appreciative of the ideas you have put forth. Many of our people wish to see the building pulled down, since it was erected by the Japanese for the sole purpose of closing off the beautiful palaces behind, which are so rich in our traditions. But we have to remember the unfortunate financial position of our country and acknowledge that there may be considerable savings in using the structure in the way you have suggested. I will ask our people to make a complete study and report on the value of the damaged building as it stands today and in general advise on the possibilities and advantages of its reconstruction in Korean style.

I am wondering whether Dr. Carroll, who is at present in the Agricultural Section of the ICA Mission in Manila, has been invited to our receptions. He was in Korea for many years, giving very good service in the field on agriculture and is very fond of our country. I wish you would include him on your invitation list in the future.