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President Rhee discusses the budget of the legation in the Philippines.

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To Minister L. Hoon Kim

From the President

Receipt of your confidential memorandum dated 1 September in connection with the Legation expenses in Manila is acknowledged and the contents have been carefully noted.

I wish you would submit to this office a breakdown of the expenses which you consider necessary for the efficient running of the Legation, payment of rent and other out-of-pocket expenses.

The lease of the premises is noted to be for a term of two years effective 1 December, 1956 to 1 December 1958 at the sum of 1,300 pesos per month, equalling \$650 per month. This is an exceptionally high rental and if the lease were not of two years' duration I would ask you to investigate the possibility of purchasing a Legation at reasonable cost.

I shall contact the Foreign Office in regard to the rental problem and, in the meantime, I wish you would let me have the break-down of expenses.