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Summary:

Young Kee Kim briefs Minister Cho on the visit of Yascov Shimone, Israel's minister to Burma, and the agreement on the elevation of the Vietnamese and Philippine legations to embassy.

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Dear Dr. Cho:

Yaacov Shimone, Israel's minister to Burma, came here and presented his letters of credence to President Garcia as first minister to the Philippines. Due to the unsettled conditions in his country, the formal opening of the Israeli legation has been temporarily postponed. Philippine ambassador to Rome Roberto Regala is accredited to Israel. Walter Hofer, who has been Consul General of Switzerland for several years, has been promoted to first minister to the Philippines following the elevation of the Swiss Consulate General to the status of a legation. Salvador P. Lopez, the Philippine ambassador to France, is concurrently accredited minister to Switzerland.

The agreement on the elevation of the Vietnamese and Philippine legations to embassy level will be implemented from July, beginning of the fiscal year 1957-1958. The elevation is based on geographical proximity, racial affinity, and mutuality of interest and purpose as members of free nations. The proposed elevation is also a recognition of the growing importance of Vietnam in the fringe area of SEATO. It is reliably informed that the implementation of Korea-Philippine legations to embassies has been delegated to the President for his final action.

Acting Foreign Secretary Raul S. Manglapus may resign from his post as his political affiliation is incompatible with the policies of the present administration. Manglapus, 36, a brilliant corporation lawyer, was one of the organizers of the Citizens' Party which helped the presidential campaign for Magsaysay during the last election.

Yours truly,

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