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Cho**

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Summary:

Young Kee Kim briefs Minister Cho on the postponed work trip for the Vice Minister of Agriculture and Forestry and his personnel.

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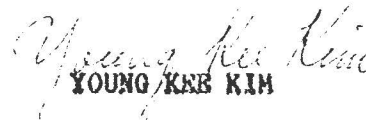
Dear Mr. Minister:

I have been apprised by Major Mario Kimseng of the Philippine Armed Forces of the confirmation by our government of his appointment as military attaché to the Philippine legation in Seoul, and I advised him that his accreditation would be transmitted through the Philippine minister in Seoul. Major Kimseng is a veteran of the Korean war and he plans to take his family to Seoul.

The projected work trip for the Vice Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Sung Ki Kwon and five persons to the Philippines has been temporarily postponed to some other appropriate date due to the sudden departure of Mr. John Cooper, ICA/USOM, Manila, who would be responsible for the itinerary program for the visitors. The original visit of the Korean Agricultural experts to the Philippines that had been planned last September was put off because of the proximity of the harvest season. The travelling expenses for the Korean agricultural experts were intended to be borne by the Seoul Office of Economic Coordination.

The local price of scrap iron averages ₱60 - 70 a ton for meltable scrap, and ₱100 - 150 for rerollable scrap. Export price of scrap iron is \$50 - 60 a ton less loading and other incidental expenses. The export of scrap iron has been banned by the government for there is a shortage of scrap iron for local needs.

Yours very truly,


YOUNG KEE KIM

Minister Chung Whan Cho
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Seoul, Korea

Copy sent to His Excellency Syngman Rhee, President of the Republic of Korea.