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**Letter, Minister Yong Shik Kim [Kim Yong-shik] to  
Office of the President**

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**Summary:**

Information on attached documents on implementation of Korea-Japan trade and unconfirmed report regarding custom clearance

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## REPUBLIC OF KOREA

KOREAN MISSION IN JAPAN

Tokyo, November 3, 1955

TO: Office of the President

FROM: Minister YongShik Kim

I. Enclosed herewith for your perusal is my recommendation concerning the implementation of the Korea-Japan trade based on the instructions from the Government.

In the event these recommendations are used, detailed working plan will have to be formulated by the Government. I am presenting the enclosed idea merely as the framework.

II. As I was closing the pouch, I received unconfirmed report saying that the Japanese Government reached decision not to grant custom clearance to the shipment of our laver until next spring for the reason that Japanese laver started appearing on the market to an extent to meet the demand until next spring.

This summer the Japanese Government allocated \$800,000 to the import of Korean laver and only a part of this has so far been delivered to Japan.

This office will inquire the Japanese Foreign Office about the above decision on custom clearance of Korean laver tomorrow (today being a Jap holiday). In case the report is true, some counter-measure will have to be taken to this action of the Japanese Government, by drawing the attention of the US side to Japanese' taking restrictive measures on our goods.

As soon as the said information is verified, I will report it by cable.

*Yong Shik Kim*

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