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Korean Mission in Japan to President Syngman Rhee**

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**Summary:**

Yu briefs Syngman Rhee on a conversation with Itagaki regarding the Japanese authorities reluctant to agree on Korea's amendment proposals.

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## REPUBLIC OF KOREA

KOREAN MISSION IN JAPAN

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No. 52TO : His Excellency  
The President

FROM : Tai Ha Yiu

At 3:00 p.m. this afternoon I called on Itagaki at the Japanese Foreign Ministry. According to Itagaki, he tried his utmost to get the authorities concerned to agree to inserting our amendment proposals in the Agreed Minutes, but there was so much opposition he could not get anywhere except be a target of their sarcastic remarks.

Itagaki pressed me to accept his proposal made on Sept. 6. (reference to deleting the U.S Memorandum from the draft Note Verbale as contained in my report on Itagaki's proposal last week was a mistake and should be ignored as will be explained in separate cover.) As to Japan's sincerity, he said Korea could test it at the formal talks and take action accordingly.

I told Itagaki that our Foreign Ministry would not accept his proposal and suggested another meeting on Friday together with Tanaka and Yatsugi to further discuss the matter.

At today's meeting, I reconfirmed Itagaki's proposal made to me on September 6.