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Korean Mission in Japan to President Syngman Rhee**

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**Summary:**

Yu briefs Syngman Rhee on the 15th Preliminary Meeting between Korea and Japan, regarding the deportation issue and Japan's request to withdraw Korea's proposed amendments.

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REPUBLIC OF KOREA

KOREAN MISSION IN JAPAN

Tokyo, August 10, 1957

No. 39

TO : His Excellency  
The President

FROM : Tai Ha Yiu

SUBJECT : Summary of 15th Preliminary Meeting

At my meeting with Itagaki, director of the Asian Affairs Bureau of the Japanese Foreign Ministry at the Kayu Kaikan this morning, he related to me his meetings with the officials of the Finance Ministry and the Economic Planning Agency headed by Kono, and their resultant attitude which was absolute refusal to accept the Korean amendment on the property claims memorandum. Itagaki spoke of his failure to bring them to agree to our suggestion of a counterproposal.

The deportation issue. Itagaki stated that if the Korean side withdrew its revised draft on the U.S. memorandum, the Japanese side would accept our amendment proposal on the detainee issue although the Justice Ministry had not yet given its definite approval to it. That would not present any problem, however, he said.

I strongly reiterated to him that there would be no changes in our stand.

The Jap request was that we withdraw our proposed amendments and accept the original drafts. This was rejected and the talk ended without any results. Before breaking it up, Itagaki proposed another meeting, adding that today's session was not to be considered as final.