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**Letter, President Syngman Rhee to Minster Yong
Shik Kim [Kim Yong-shik]**

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Summary:

Request to help reports regarding detainees in Japan be published in the US; to press Philippine ambassador to build atomic research center in Manila

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To: Minister Yong Shik Kim

From: The President

Thank you for your letters and Political Report dated November 3.

I am very glad you made a statement that the 600,000 Koreans all want to return to Korea. Whenever anything comes up you must immediately counteract it with a statement and see to it that the press in America carries it. Most of our reports originating in Japan are not carried in America.

I have copied out some of the clippings in regard to the repatriation of Jap nationals and sent them to the Korean National Red Cross who are rather pressed by their American advisor to permit the Japanese Red Cross to pass through south Korea to receive the Japs from Pyongyang. It came out now that the north Koreans want to have members of the Japan-Korea Association to be included in the Repatriation Promotion Team. This is exactly what they want: to come here and use that again as a propaganda move. Some of the American newspapermen advised us to let the repatriates pass through here for humanitarian reasons but I told them there is a much shorter way to Japan through the north Korean ports. Why should they go all the way to south Korea? This request was made to embarrass the south Korean government.

When you see the Philippine Ambassador I wish you would have a talk with him in regard to Mr. Hollister's statement that America will build an atomic research center in Tokyo, Manila or Singapore. Please press on the Ambassador to build it in Manila.