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Italian's Ambassador's wish to build a consulate-general in Seoul

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## REPUBLIC OF KOREA

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Tokyo, November 10, 1955

TO: Office of the President

FROM: Minister Yong Shik Kim

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, the Italian Ambassador here, Prince Marcello del Drago, told me of his Government's desire to establish a consulate-general in Seoul. He said he was not making any commitment in this regard, however, made it clear that Italy wanted to exchange official representatives with our country, if we so agree.

As I reported previously, the former Italian Ambassador, Marquis d'Ajeta, told me of the same desire of his Government, when he was still in Japan.

Italy's products for export are similar in line to ours, however, it seems certain that Italy does have an intention to open active trade relations with our country.

The Italian Foreign Minister is visiting Japan shortly, on what the Japanese press calls "return courtesy" to the former Premier Yoshida's visit to Italy last year.

If the Government decides on the above-mentioned informal proposal of the Italian Government in one way or the other, I would appreciate being notified, so I may be able to reply to the Italian Ambassador.