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Summary:

Report of the followings: Gratitude from Ambassador Tong, interest shown by local diplomatic circles regarding Korea-Japan issues, Copy of Korean press article regarding the issue

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REPUBLIC OF KOREA

KOREAN MISSION IN JAPAN

Tokyo, December 8, 1955

TO: Office of the President

FROM: Minister Yong Shik Kim

I. I am grateful for prompt action taken by the Government in answering the enquiry from the Chinese Government in regard to the participation of Mongolian troops in the recent war. Ambassador Tong here thanked us for the information and I am sure that he relayed it to New York.

As a matter of fact the Chinese representative at the UN already referred to the subject, according to the press report. I got the impression through my contact with Amb. Tong that the Taipei Government was determined to exercise the veto right in the 18-nation package membership deal.

II. The local diplomatic circles evidently have keen interest in the Korea-Japan relations, especially after the recent Joint Chiefs of Staff statement was reported.

This morning the Belgian Ambassador in Tokyo, Mr. Chevalier Guy de Schoutheete de Tervarent, visited me and asked about the recent development of the situation between Korea and Japan. I thoroughly briefed him on various aspects of the problem, including the recent dispute over the fishery issue.

III. Enclosed herewith for reference are a copy of a Korea Press article on my meeting with Jap Dietmen, translation of three newspaper articles; Counselor Yiu's interview with Asahi Correspondent in Seoul, his meeting with Japanese Foreign Ministry's Asian Affairs Bureau Director Nakagawa and another concerning the Korea-Japan problem.

As I read the article concerning Mr. Yiu's meeting with Nakagawa, his explanation does not necessarily

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coincide with the policy of the Government. Therefore, I told Mr. Yiu that we must be cautious when talking with the Japanese, because they often twist the fact.

By my state Kim

Enclosure: a/s