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Call from Swedish Ministers in Japan on the agreement for the establishment of Korean National Medical Center

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Excellency:

Yesterday, Norwegian and Swedish Ministers in Japan (Massrs. Hersleb Vogt and K.G. Lagerfelt) called on me 3:30 at my office, and I had forty minutes talks with them. These ministers first of all expressed their heartfelt appreciation for the courtesy given by our Covernment during their trip to Korea, particularly for their honor to have been granted an audience of Your Excellency.

They briefed the draft agreement for the establishment of the Korean National Medical Center which was initialed last month at Seoul between the representatives of our Government, the Scandinavian Governments and the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency. Then they invited my attention to the fact that they are still waiting for an answer from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the problems of 1) releasing the land necessary for the construction of quarters for the Scandinavian staff members who are to serve in the proposed Medical Center; 2) the tentative budget for the Korean contribution to the Medical Center during the first year of full operation. According to the ministers, the land in question could be released with the consent of the City of Seoul.

In confirmation of the above conversation, the ministers handed the Memorandum which is enclosed herein. I hope that the Government will take a prompt action.

With the sentiment of loyalty and esteem,

Most respectfully,

Encl.: Memorandum

Iny shat lun

His Excellency President Syngman Rhee