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**Summary:**

Pak Seong-cheol reports that Syngman Rhee has left South Korea and comments on Kim Il Sung's health.

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I met with Pak Seong-cheol [Pak Song Chol] at the Chins-San [sic] Reservoir and had a short conversation with him. The Minister reported that Kim Il Sung is not working because of illness (according to the information of our doctor, Cde. Podorozhnyy, Kim Il Sung did not work on 27 and 28 May because of a cold).

Pak Seong-cheol also reported that this morning Syngman Rhee "fled" South Korea on an American plane, fearing being put on trial or the fate to which Yi Gi-bung was subjected (he was killed).

[Translator's note: according to press reports of the time Rhee and his entire family committed suicide].

I briefly informed the Minister (the conversation was held without an interpreter) about the content of Cde. N. S. Khrushchev's speech at a conference of Communist labor teams at the Kremlin...

USSR AMBASSADOR IN THE DPRK

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