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**Letter from Tran Trung Dung to the Minister of the
Legation of the Republic of Korea**

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Summary:

Tran Trung Dung requests the sending of two Vietnamese military officers to South Korea to study the Korean Service Corps model.

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His Excellency the Minister
Legation of the Republic of Korea
Saigon, Vietnam

Your Excellency,

This Department learns that during the war in Korea, 1950 - 1953, there was created a Korean organization known as the Korean Service Corps (K.S.C.); the men in the units of this Corps had the duties of carrying food, ammunition, engineer supplies, etc... on their backs from supply dumps to the front line troops.

As this Department intends to form such an organization in the Vietnamese Republican Armed Forces, we would wish to send to Korea two officers of Captain rank, representing G-1 and G-4 of the General Staff, Vietnamese Armed Forces, to study, on the spot, the organization and experiences of the Korean Service Corps.

The U.S. Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG) in Vietnam informed this Office that it would designate an American officer to accompany the two Vietnamese officers.

We should be obliged if you would kindly let us know whether there is any inconvenience for the proposed trip.

In case your Legation would concur in our request, this Department would inform you of the departure date of this team.

Kindly be assured of my highest esteem.

Yours Very truly,

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Assistant Secretary of Defense