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President (Syngman Rhee)**

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Summary:

Choi Duk Shin briefly discusses the military alliance with Taiwan and outlines his first ceremonial meeting with the Vietnamese leadership.

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CDS-REPORT NO. 002

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Excellency,

I have the honour to submit to you my report for this week covering the following points :

1. I have received message concerning the Military Alliance, the original of which was addressed to Ambassador Kim in Formosa.
2. At eleven o'clock on Wednesday morning, May 23, 1956, accompanied by the Chef de Protocole, I proceeded to the Palace to present my credentials to His Excellency the President of the Republic of Vietnam. Attached to this report is the Program and Procedure of the ceremony. On Tuesday, the day before the ceremony, it was my honour to receive from you the Tai-Kuk Decoration and which I proudly wore the next day at the ceremony.
- After presenting my Letter of Credence, His Excellency the President, extended to Your Excellency his Greetings, and added that the Minister of the Republic of Vietnam, General Duc, will depart in the very near future for Korea. His Excellency then made a toast to Your Excellency and I, in turn, toasted His Excellency.
3. On May 19 at eleven o'clock I met with the American Ambassador in his office. I am submitting herewith a separate report of my conversation with him.
4. On Tuesday, May 22, U.S. Deputy Defence Secretary, Mr. Robertson, arrived in Saigon and I was in the official party who met him at the airport. Secretary Robertson is on a tour of South Asia.

With deepest sentiments of loyalty and esteem, I remain

Respectfully,

Choi Duk Shin
Choi Duk Shin
Minister to the Republic
of Vietnam

His Excellency
President of the Republic
of Korea

Attachments : 1. Program and Procedure
of Ceremony, May 23, 1956
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with American Ambassador.
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