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Letter from Choi Duk-shin to Vu Van Mau

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Summary:

Choi Duk Shin announces that South Korea would like to establish diplomatic relations with South Vietnam and exchange envoys.

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Le Ministere des Affaires Etrangeres
du Viet-Nam
Saigon, Vietnam

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As was mentioned in my previous letter to Your Excellency, President Syngman Rhee, after having heard my reporting on the successful discussions + made with Your Excellency to open the normal diplomatic relations between the two countries, asked me to write to Your Excellency to transmit his best thanks for the willingness and cooperation of the Vietnam Government to establish normal diplomatic relations.

Now, I would like to take this occasion to deliver to Your Excellency the decision of the Government of the Republic of Korea on the rank of envoys to be exchanged. Rank of Minister of envoy extraordinary and plenipotentiary is the decision on the part of the Republic of Korea Government.

Again, I personally wish that the negotiation in Paris between Vietnam and France on military affairs be concluded at the earliest practicable date. We are thirstily waiting for Your Excellency's informing us of the date of simultaneous announcement.

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