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Letter from Choi Duk Shin to Gunasena de Soyza

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Summary:

Choi Duk Shin expresses concern for the Government of Ceylon's unfriendly attitude toward the Republic of Korea at the U.N. assembly.

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I was so certain through our talks during my brief but fruitful visit to your country that Ceylon will be in accord with other Free World nations in supporting our position at international arena, and that as I was assured Ceylon will back the position of the Republic of Korea for her national unification and support the U.N. principles in Korea.

However, to my great surprise, I have recently learned that a delegate from your country has severely attacked my country at the debate of the United Nations, quite contrary to my hope and expectation. I wish to think that such violent statements by your delegate were momentarily made by his individual opinion, not by the official stands of the Government of Ceylon in views that I still do remember so vividly the most sympathetic attitudes toward Korea of Your Excellency.

It is most regrettable not only to me but to my people that one of your delegates to the U.N. is employing such unfriendly attitude toward the Republic of Korea.

I sincerely hope there must be no room of doubt or dimness in our relationship in the future.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

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