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**Letter, Lieutenant Colonel William J. Pritchard to
Lieutenant General John B. Coulter**

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Summary:

Lieutenant Colonel William J. Pritchard informs Lieutenant General John B. Coulter about the progress of a road survey project and an inspection of the ROK Army Engineer School.

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MEMORANDUM TO: Lieutenant General JOHN B. COULTER
Deputy Army Commander

SUBJECT: Road Survey Project - Progress Report

1. Phase #1 Report. - Reports and recommendations were due in to the Engineer, EUSAK, today. I will proceed to Taegu tomorrow morning to work on the consolidation and return the following day if all reports are received on time. While there I expect to make arrangements for certain reproduction work in conjunction with the training course.

2. Course of Instruction. - On Friday, 18 May, I took Mr Chong, Chief of the Bureau of Public Works, and Mr Sin, Chief of the Highway Branch, on an inspection tour of the ROK Army Engineer School. They were so impressed that they telegraphed directives to each province allocating a certain number of students to each and called a preliminary conference of approximately 40 top provincial highway engineers at Pusan on the 25th and 26th of May. At their request today, I arranged for an inspection tour for the group on the 26th at the school.

I sent an official Signal Corps photographer to Kusan today to make a photographic study of the school facilities, demonstration areas, etc. He will be available for photographic coverage of the inspection tour on the 26th and the activities during the course of instruction.

In a conference with the above-mentioned gentlemen today I was advised of their approval of the Plan of Instruction which you gave to President Rhee last week. They requested, however, that we emphasize the use of hand tools throughout the course; we had planned just that.

The eagerness and enthusiasm which these people are exhibiting towards this course of instruction far exceeds my original expectations and is most gratifying. I feel sure that the benefit which will be gained from the course and the written materials which will be placed in their hands will pay worthwhile dividends.


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