

## **August 27, 1954**

### **Letter, General Maxwell D. Taylor to Syngman Rhee**

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#### **Summary:**

General Maxwell D. Taylor apologizes over language used at a review of the 2nd Division and invites Rhee to attend the formal ceremony of departure.

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APO 301 C/O PM, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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Dear Mr. President:

I have just received the text of the radio broadcast which you called me about last night. I am greatly chagrined over the language used, which is both misleading and inaccurate. The ceremony in question is a review of the 2d Division prior to the reassignment of some of its men to other units. It is not the final ceremony of departure which will take place sometime later. The Division Commander, General Howze, regarded this event as a family affair and did not extend invitations to dignitaries outside of the U.S. Army channel of command.

General Howze is delighted to learn of your willingness to be present on this occasion and is modifying the ceremony appropriately to the added significance conferred by your presence.

As the ceremony begins at 10:00 o'clock in the area of the 2d Division, I suggest that we meet at the Racetrack at 9:30 for flight by helicopter.

Sincerely yours,

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR  
General, U. S. Army  
Commanding

His Excellency Syngman Rhee  
President, Republic of Korea  
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Seoul, Korea

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