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the Prime Minister of ROK**

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Summary:

General Maxwell D. Taylor suggests cooperative efforts between the ROK National Police and the Eighth United States Army to halt black market activities.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of the Commanding General
APO 301 c/o PM, San Francisco, California

11 May 1954

The Honorable Paik Too Chin
Prime Minister
Republic of Korea
Seoul, Korea

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have received and carefully considered your letter of 26 April 1954.

The Eighth United States Army has directives in force imposing severe penalties on military personnel or civilian employees who engage in black-market or other allied illegal activities in Korea. You will appreciate, I am sure, that such activities are possible only through the active participation of Korean Nationals. Energetic and effective action on the part of the law enforcement agencies of your government in apprehending and punishing personnel of your country in these illegal enterprises will aid immeasurably in this joint effort.

I shall ask my Provost Marshal to approach the Director of the ROK National Police with a view towards intensifying our cooperative effort to halt this illegal traffic.

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Sincerely yours,

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

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