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**Letter, General Maxwell D. Taylor to Sohn Won-Wil,
Minister of National Defense of ROK**

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Summary:

General Taylor requests housing and office space for C. Tyler Wood, Economic Coordinator for Korea.

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Honorable Won-Wil Sohn
Minister of National Defense
Republic of Korea

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Dear Mr. Minister:

Mr. C. Tyler Wood, the Economic Coordinator for Korea, has for some time been attempting, through this headquarters, to obtain billets and office space for his staff in the Seoul area. As you can appreciate, the nature and mission of the agencies which he supervises require that certain absolutely essential members of his staff live and work in the capital city.

After thorough canvass of the entire area, the ~~only~~ only location found which would provide adequate facilities for these staff members is the Korean University (Koryo Boys School). Mr. Wood requested this property from the Prime Minister, but his request has not received favorable consideration to date. If the Korean University property cannot be made available, we can find no alternative other than housing Mr. Wood's minimum essential staff indefinitely in the Chosen Hostel. The Chosen is not the complete answer, as additional office space will have to be found ~~elsewhere among the properties now being used for military purposes.~~ elsewhere among the properties now being used for military purposes.

I am writing this letter to explain in advance the likelihood of our continued retention of properties, including the Chosen Hotel, required for Mr. Wood's organization. While it is a set-back to the program for the orderly release of Seoul Property which the Eighth Army is sponsoring, you will appreciate the requirement for providing accommodations for the economic mission aiding in the rehabilitation of Korea.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

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