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Summary:

James H. R. Cromwell assures Syngman Rhee that he has changed the name of his plan to the "Private Enterprise Plan" instead of the "Rhee Plan." John Staggers is coming to Seoul regarding the plan.

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Dear Mr. President:

In reply to your letter of January 17th, please rest assured that the name "Rhee Plan" will be replaced at once by the name "Private Enterprise Plan", i.e. "P.E.P." There were good reasons besides the explanation in the Introduction why I wished to use the name "Rhee Plan", but since it worries you, why waste time discussing them? Experience has taught me that your wisdom and judgment are well nigh infallible, and a word from you is sufficient.

Regardless of what name is applied to the "Plan" it must stand solely on its own merit and, as the Introduction says, "what alternative is there?" -- Other than the virtual communization of the ROK?

John Stagers left yesterday for Seoul with confidential information for you concerning the ideas we have formulated (about what henceforth will be called the "P.E.Plan") and is willing and able to present the Plan to your Cabinet and the Assembly if you wish him to do so. He delivered a most excellent address to the breakfast party, described in the enclosed letter from our friend Congressman Shafer, and the results of the meeting were all that could be anticipated. I am also pleased to report that Mr. Edgar Queary today consented to become a member of the Advisory Group of the proposed "Board of Selection and Arbitration".

Next Monday, February 8, I am leaving for a speaking tour, at the behest of the Republican National Committee, ~~for~~ over Lincoln's Birthday, but as soon as I receive word from you to proceed, after



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you have talked to John, I will organize several more gatherings similar to the Shafer breakfast, on behalf of the R.O.K., in the Senate and the House.

In conclusion, Mr. President, let me say that if ever there is any money made through the application and administration of the "P. E. Plan" in the R.O.K. it will be in the far distant future, and all parties interested and involved will be most pleasantly surprised.

With respect to the expansion of the R.O.K. armed forces, I have requested an interview with the Vice-President before my departure. Mr. Lawrence has been consistently supporting the idea since I discussed it with him, and I will see Mr. Sokolsky and other columnists and leaders at the earliest possible moment.

As ever, your friend.

James H. R. Cromwell

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enclosures

P.S. I am further enclosing three copies of the new Introduction to be inserted in the three brochures sent to you on Dec. 10th. In any brochures distributed henceforth the name "Rhee Plan" will of course be replaced by the name "P. E. Plan".

His Excellency
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