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Summary:

Regarding false reports about himself, J. W. Staggers is relieved by Rhee's response to his letter. He attaches four memoranda explaining further.

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The Honorable, Dr. Syngman Rhee
President, Republic of Korea
Seoul, Korea

Dear Dr. Rhee:

Your letter of June 27th with the other two letters has been received by me. First I want to tell you that your letter of the 27th was an inspiration which will add strength and determination to my efforts to continue to do anything anytime or place that will be helpful to you and the cause you love so dearly, the complete liberation and reuniting of your people.

I have a written statement in my office by which I was informed three Koreans and two Americans were out to break the bond of friendship which existed between us. I must admit it caused me a great deal of concern for those who were named, I felt, were in a position to get propaganda before you, which if believed would possibly cause you to doubt me.

Referring to the Handleman matter and that someone called your attention to his statement that he had given me \$1,000 toward my expenses in Korea, the answer to that is this: I incorporated a company for him and worked with him about six months without him having paid me anything. After all, I am entitled to charge and accept fees for services rendered. I had no interest in the Handleman Corporation.

I was quite pleased with your suggestion that there would be no objection to me organizing or entering into a corporation to do business in Korea. I have had many opportunities to do so, but, due to my first experience and the fact that the charter was forfeited, I refrain from making any connection. It was the company I organized in the beginning which the law suits grew out of. I would like to add here that you are in no way involved or committed, nor do you have any responsibility whatever with the company.

I know people have tried to create that impression as part of their propaganda against me. However, I believe we now have a complete understanding and I will have no more worry on that score.



The Honorable, Dr. Syngman Rhee

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You have been through propaganda and people have made false statements against you without any foundation. Thank God that this situation with you has changed. Many of those who condemned you are now singing your praises, and this statement includes heads of nations. As a matter-of-fact, many many outstanding individuals in the United States feel that your stand against communism has stiffened the backbone of our own government and people have opened their eyes to see the danger of communism that you have fought so courageously.

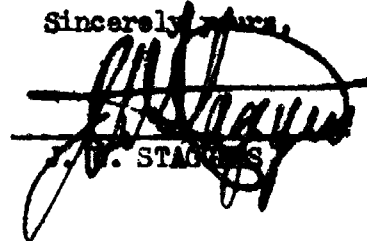
You asked me if there was anything you could do to help me financially. As you know, I have considerable real estate, but not a great deal of cash. I would like to get into something where I could increase my income.

Donald Lady is leaving here on Sunday, July 17th for Korea to join his family.

I am sending you Memorandums A,B,C, and D, which I believe will explain items which you mentioned in your letters.

With kind personal regards to both you and Madame Rhee, I am

Sincerely yours,


J. W. STARNES

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