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Summary:

Young Kee Kim briefs Minister Cho on the invitation to Foreign Air Attaches' Meeting in Philippines and a major restructuring of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

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Dear Mr. Minister:

I received an official communication from Foreign Secretary Carlos P. Garcia requesting me to transmit an invitation to my Government with a view to having a unit of the Korean Air Force represented in the 9th Annual Aviation Week in the Philippines from December 16 to 22, 1956. Do Soon Chung made a direct report in a letter dated October 31, 1956, informing you in detail of the discussion that transpired at a Foreign Air Attaches' Meeting called by the Foreign Liaison Office of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

The enclosed copy of Foreign Secretary Garcia's official invitation is the follow-up of the previous discussion relative to the participation of the United States, United Kingdom, China, Thailand, Korea and Indonesia in the Philippine Annual Aviation Week. I shall deeply appreciate an early reply on this matter if our Air Force favors the acceptance of the invitation in dispatching a jet aircraft to the Air Show at the Manila International Airport.

The Department of Foreign Affairs faces the first major shakeup since its organization 10 years ago. According to the reorganization plan, the foreign affairs department will have four divisions: Political affairs, economic affairs, administrative affairs and consular affairs. The Office of Legal Affairs, long time anchor of the home office will be placed directly under the office of the Foreign Affairs Secretary, and its chief will be the legal advisor to the secretary. The cultural and international information will be merged into one division. The economic affairs will concentrate chiefly on gathering new facts about world trade and commerce to guide the administration in the formulation of new economic policies. A new division on personnel will handle all matters pertaining to personnel to achieve integration between the home and the foreign service personnel.

The Federation of Chinese Chambers of Commerce in the Philippines requested the industrial and commercial authorities in Taiwan to send Chinese Products for an exhibit in Manila. The Chinese Chambers aim to promote public interest in trade and commerce between the Philippines and the Republic of China following the signing of the Sino-Philippine Trade Protocol on October 18, 1956. It also encourages direct trade channels between the two countries, thus eliminating Hongkong.

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Philippine-Chinese sent a cable of indignation against Soviet aggression in Hungary to the United Nations, urging the General Assembly to demand the immediate withdrawal of Soviet troops from Hungary, to hold for free election under UN supervision and ask freedom loving nations to give sanctuary to Hungarian refugees from Soviet.

Mr. C.V. Narashihan, newly appointed Executive Secretary of ECAFE, was on a four day visit to Manila, enroute to other Asian countries to get himself acquainted with the problems and needs of each country. He told me that he plans to visit Korea sometime in February next year.

A total of 427 original business firms registered, invested P23,905,000.00 in October as compared with P27,161,000.00 pertaining to 473 firms in September. Of the registrants in October, 339 with capital participation of P19,196,000.00 were controlled by Filipinos; 74 with P4,455,000.00 by Chinese; 6 with P160,000.00 by Americans; and 8 with P93,000.00 by other nationalities.

Philippine imports from India in October amounted to \$556,242.00 as against \$109,712.00 imported during the previous month. Jute, hessian material, cotton yarns and shellec were the main items imported from India.

Sincerely yours,

Young Kee Kim
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Copy sent to His Excellency, President Syngman Rhee