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Summary:

Syngman Rhee's comment on Minister Kim's effort to publicize Korea's right to enter United Nations.

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To Minister Young Kee Kim

From the President

I thank you for your report No. 99 and copy report of 31 October to the Acting Foreign Minister, also for newspaper cuttings which include the full text of Sen. Claro M. Recto's speech delivered to the Philippine Chamber of Commerce. I shall read this at my first opportunity. In the meantime I would ask you to please paste the small cuttings you send from time to time on legal sized paper for easy reference and filing.

Your address rendered on United Nation's Day at the Y's Men's Club was very good and I am pleased that you devoted much of this talk to stressing Korea's right of entrance to the United Nations. Your talk at the Rotary Club also provided an opportunity to state Korea's cause and I am sure was very helpful.

I have given out the copy of the Agreement for the Revision of the Financial Agreement and Trade plan which should be of interest to our Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Commerce Ministry.

You are fortunate to have found new legation premises which are so very suitable for your needs and for which you will pay \$420 per month, which is \$20 in excess of the present amount budgeted for your living and office expenses. There should be considerable savings in the long run because the garden is sufficiently spacious for entertaining and you will not find it necessary to rent other quarters for this purpose.

I have noted your remarks concerning the English pound currency remittance and will find out from the Foreign Office what might be done about it. I cannot understand, however, why you as a diplomat cannot exchange the pound at the official rate of exchange and I wish you would elaborate on this point. It is unfortunate that our dollar funds are very limited. On the other hand, we buy little from the sterling area and have to find use for the sterling funds.