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Summary:

Young Kee Kim seeks for Madame Rhee's advice on the family problem of Do Soon Chung, Third Secretary and Vice Consul

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Dear Madame Rhee:

I received a letter from Louisa who is on a vacation in Honolulu, stating that she met Dr. Robert Oliver who is enroute to Korea. After Raymond had gone back to school in June, Louisa went to Honolulu to recuperate from the sultry heat and exhaustion due to attending so many socials. She said that many changes have taken place in Honolulu after two and half years of absence and it is not like what it used to be. She is enjoying the reunion with her relatives and friends. She plans to return to Manila in the early part of August.

I would like to ask your favor in advising me how to solve this problem. Do Soon Chung, Third Secretary and Vice Consul, who came here last September seems to have family trouble stemming from his wife's failure to join him here in Manila. Mrs. Chung, an English teacher at a girls' high school in Seoul, wrote her husband complaining of her lonesome life and inadequate provision for her living. Considering her circumstance, Louisa secured a free tuition scholarship for her so that she could come here and study part time. Somehow, she failed to secure her passport.

Chung is a fine and promising junior service official and since his arrival, he improved himself in the prompt discharge of his official work. During my absence last January to February, he was Charge d'Affaires ad interim and he admirably carried on the Mission work. Nowadays, Chung seems to be very much upset of his family trouble, and asked me if it be allowed, he would like to appeal to the President for his special consideration of a directive to the Foreign Ministry to grant a passport to Mrs. De Soon Chung so that she could join her husband here in Manila. He is willing to pay his wife's transportation from Korea to Manila and back. When Chung's tour of duty terminates, I am sure the Chungs, without question, will return to Korea.

The Chungs' case being a family matter, I seek your advise on how to solve the problem so that Chung may be able to bring his wife here for the duration of his official tour of duty.

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I have enjoyed reading an article about you in the July issue of the "Readers Digest".

With my personal warm regards and aloha,

Yours sincerely,

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