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Francesca Rhee**

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Minister Kim briefs Mrs. Rhee on his meeting with Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

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Your Honorable Madame,

To-day I had opportunity to visit the Secretary of Foreign Affairs here after my return from Dada's Conference. He said it was his long hoped intention to elevate our two Legations to Embassies and he was so happy to see the joint Communiqué on the matter was effected on November 11th. He further said it is very important to do so because we are the two Young Republics that we should mutually strengthen ourselves with a close tie, friendship and understanding. He will soon meet the President and have discussion regard to the matter concerning appointment of the Ambassador personal. When that is being done, he said, he will let me know.

For a matter of policy, I feel, that we should wait a little while before our Government appoints an Ambassador on our side to carry out the Embassy duties. On the other hand if our Government desires to appoint the Ambassador now, it may also possible to send a letter of agreement for that appointment to the Philippine Government because the joint Communiqué of November 11th. is already effective. In that case, it should be wise for our Foreign Ministry to interview with the Philippine Legation in Seoul first.

In this connection, that is, the elevation of our Legation to an Embassy, I must say, that I am very unfortunate to lose one very able man Mr. No soon Chungs who already left here for returning to Seoul yesterday. Although he is a 3rd Secretary and Vice-Consul, he is far better personality and worker than the 2nd Secretary and Consul "Park" we have here. This man is known as a man of title seeker without doing a hard work. He is also

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Very unpopular among the Korean families and Korean student groups as well as he is not friendly to any one. He is not very sociable to the Consul groups here in Manila. He is already circulating some talks about that he will be the either 1st Secretary or Counselor when the Legation status will change to an Embassy. I am informed from our Foreign Ministry, that this man "Park" already made some trouble with his superior Mr. Jung Bang Lee in our Hong Kong Consulate some years ago. I shall be most unfortunate person if our Foreign Ministry consider this man "Park" to be appointed as a 1st Secretary or a Counselor in our Embassy when this Legation status change to that office. From point of view of his personality and capacity, he is not fitting to such a high rank. I sincerely hope when the time comes our Foreign Ministry should know just what sort of man he (Park) is.

Madame, I do mention this in advance because once our Foreign Ministry appointed, it always difficult to change and I have to suffer again.

With high esteem,

Your Honorables' loyal servant,

Yiwan Boon Kim