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Your Honorable Madame,

I wish to thank Your Honorable very sincerely for the letter No. 56 and I further wish that both Your Honorable and His Excellency keep very pleasant health at all the times. *all day*

Concerning the August 15th. celebration last, Mr. Chung and Mr. Park *had* expressed to me that the reason they invited only the government top level and the Diplomatic level of some 60 people excluding ladies, was that they felt since the Minister was not here on that occasion, it was not worthwhile to having a big party, so they did invite only important men group to the luncheon and celebrated the Day. But in the future I am of sure it will be very worthwhile to invite both important men and women to on such occasion as our National Day to impress them the spirit of our young Republic.

Regard to so called the Asia Development Fund scheme by Japan, I already had little opportunity to visit a few important top level people here and expressed the possible motive behind the scheme. Some of them are having a cool view on the matter and they said it needs a very careful study. I have enclosed my own views resulted from my own study on this Development Fund, in my Korean letter to His Excellency this time and deeply hope His Excellency will kindly open the letter directly and read it over in confidential base. I am also enclosing herewith the English copy in separate envelop for Your Honorable's own information.

The Foreign Affairs Secretary here this week very kindly expressed to me his Department's difficulty in replacing the Minister for his country's Legation in Seoul in view of present circumstances here at the moment. Thus, he said he is sending a third secretary from his Department to look after the Legation for just a little while and he is very much hoping to settle the matter in very near future for the permanent form. I am reporting this matter to our foreign Affairs Minister this time and I am sure the Department here already sent a letter to our government for the same.

During the week I made a courtesy call to the American Ambassador here and to the Chief-Justice of the Supreme Court also. Then I received the return courtesy call of Swiss Minister, Italian Ambassador, Spanish Ambassador, Australian Ambassador, Chinese Ambassador, Vietnamese Minister and also received courtesy call of Norwegian Charge'd'Affairs and the Netherlands Charge'd'Affairs.

On Saturday we prepared a regular Korean dinner and invited our Korean community of some 26 including the students. They all said enjoyed not only the food but also deeply enjoyed the home like atmosphere.

With all kind wishes and regards with high esteem,

Your Honorable's loyal servant,

*Lincoln Park Kim* 116