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Rhee**

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Minister Kim writes President Rhee on the termination of his duty in Philippines.

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Dear Mr. President:

On the eve of my departure terminating my tour of duty in the Philippines, I regret leaving so many close friends with whom Louisa and I have enjoyed a happy and pleasant association, thus enhancing friendly relations between the peoples of both countries. They showered us with gifts and lavish entertainment showing their genuine hospitality. We are leaving this country with pleasant memories that will be always cherished in our hearts.

I beg your honor to grant me permission to wear the decoration, the AWARD of LAKAN of the ORDER OF SIKATUNA, that has been graciously conferred on my humble self at the direction of President Carlos P. Garcia at a dinner given by Acting Secretary Raul S. Manglapus on the evening of July 1, 1957. A copy of the citation is herewith enclosed.

In all humility, I accepted the honor of receiving this medal subject, however, to the approval of my government in accordance with certain rules and regulations governing the acceptance of a decoration awarded from a friendly nation. I am deeply grateful to the Philippine government for conferring on me the honor which is also considered an honor to Korea for the service I rendered in the promotion of cordial relations between our two countries. Louisa and I have been overwhelmed with their magnificent manifestation of sincere and true friendship that has been attested to by the goodwill and sympathy they have shown towards the Korean people in the early achievement of reunification of Korea.

In this last report to you from the Philippines, I wish to reiterate my expression of sincerest appreciation and gratitude to you, Mr. President, for the honor of being the first diplomatic representative of Korea to the Philippines where I served the mission with satisfaction in the discharge of official duties and enjoyed the pleasure of full confidence you graciously entrusted in me in carrying out your instructions.

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I leave today for Korea via Hong Kong where Louisa and I will rest several days after hectic days of terminating the official mission. We are scheduled to arrive in Seoul on July 8.

Faithfully yours,

Young Kee Kim.
YOUNG KEE KIM

His Excellency Syngman Rhee
President of the Republic of Korea
Seoul, Korea

Copy sent to Minister Chung Whan Cho, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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