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**Letter No. 64 from Tai Ha Yiu [Yu Tae-ha] of the
Korean Mission in Japan to President Syngman Rhee**

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Summary:

Yu briefs President Rhee about a meeting with Yatsugi regarding Miyake plan and lack of cooperation between Yiu and Ambassador Kim.

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No. 64TO : His Excellency
The President

FROM : Tai Ha Yiu

During the course of my meeting with Yatsugi at 7:30 p.m. last evening, he informed me that sometime after he left me, he received word that the Foreign Minister had asked for him.

Fujiyama told Yatsugi that Ishii contacted him early that morning to the effect that Amb. Kim had asked him (Ishii) to arrange a meeting with Fujiyama as he (Kim) had something very important to discuss with the Foreign Minister. According to Yatsugi, Fujiyama met Amb. Kim at 2:00 p.m. The Foreign Minister stated he was surprised to see the ambassador accompanied by the Counselor and not by the Minister. Miyake was present instead of Itagaki.

Amb. Kim again proposed to Fujiyama that the Japanese side accept the Miyake plan. However, the Foreign Minister refused to accept it, saying that he became foreign minister only a short time ago and was not familiar with the Miyake proposal. Fujiyama said he reminded the ambassador that when he (Kim) met Mr. Ishii on the 15th, he assured the deputy prime minister that the Korean side will not bring up new terms with respect to the U.S. Statement but that the Japanese side accept the Korean amendments on the other issues. Fujiyama said he also told the ambassador that before Kishi's departure, the American ambassador came and assure him of the same thing. MacArthur stated at that time that he had received such an assurance from Amb. Kim. For the Korean ambassador to come at this time and propose something different was making his position very difficult.

Yatsugi: "Fujiyama is of the impression that close cooperation does not exist between you and the ambassador. With regard to your suggestion for a memorandum, Fujiyama stated that under such a circumstance, he could not tell what the ambassador would think of it and if trouble should arise it would only be the Japanese side that will lose face. Fujiyama said the Japanese side must make no more mistakes. I shall not repeat everything he said.

"Tanaka and I are in the same difficult position and we are doing all we can. As to the memo from Fujiyama, Tanaka is also anxious to have this done in secret. I told Fujiyama that although I have no idea what took place between him and Amb. Kim, I do know, out of my experience of the past year and half with you, that you are specific in your yes and no and that you do not make irresponsible statements. I told him that it was you who handled our problems all



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these years and that it would be a good thing if he dealt with you and to consider your assertions as authentic."

Yiu: "I do not know what gave the Foreign Minister the idea that the ambassador and I do not cooperate closely with each other. The truth is quite the contrary. The only thing that I have kept from the ambassador is my request for a written memorandum from the Foreign Minister and I intend to keep it that way for some time. It will be known only to ourselves. If at the formal conference the Japanese side fail to show its sincerity, then it is a different story, but as you now insist, you are genuinely sincere and we do arrive at satisfactory conclusions at the formal conference, our secret will remain and die a secret. You must therefore succeed with it."

Yatsugi: "I shall certainly do my utmost."

Tai-kayin