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Summary:

Lieutenant General John B. Coulter informs Syngman Rhee about the need for military disciplinary controls for the Civil Transport Corps.

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EIGHTH UNITED STATES ARMY KOREA
OFFICE DEPUTY ARMY COMMANDER
APO 381 C/O PM, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

May 17, 1951

Dear Mr. President:

You will recall that during April a Civil Transport Corps was organized for the purpose of rendering support in the form of porter service to our front line fighting men.

These people were conscripted, organized, equipped and assigned through military channels and have been employed with combat units in direct support of military operations. They were trained briefly and equipped properly for the tasks to which assigned. Their organization lends itself to military operations and control.

The CTC has been of inestimable value to the Army units served and those units in turn place a great deal of dependence in the support which they expect from the CTC.

Unfortunately during the recent enemy offensive many of the CTC personnel took advantage of the situation and without proper authorization left their units. Most of these have not as yet returned of their own accord. This results in direct hindrance to military operations and in some instances leaves the fighting men without the support they had depended upon.

It is earnestly requested that you give your support to the establishment of proper disciplinary control measures governing the CTC. Such measures would result in realization by personnel of the CTC that they are under military control and that violations such as being absent without proper authority are punishable by court-martial.

Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Accept, Mr. President, the renewal of my highest consideration.

Yours respectfully,


JOHN B. COULTER
Lieutenant General, United States Army
Deputy Army Commander

His Excellency Syngman Rhee
President of the Republic of Korea