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General James A. Van Fleet sends a letter with news including architect I. M. Pei coming to Korea.

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Mr. Syngman Rhee
President Republic of Korea
Seoul Korea -

Dear Mr. President -

Mrs. Van Fleet and I have just arrived in New York from Washington and Florida and I have a telephone call from Mr. William Ziesendorf telling me that his architect - Mr. I. M. Pei - is leaving at once for Korea.

Besides thanking Mr. Ziesendorf for all his goodness in helping Korea - I want to endorse Mr. Pei as a man of excellent character and outstanding in his professional work. I have seen much of him in

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Mr. Ziesendorf's main office
of Webb and Knapp -
Mr. Pei is coming to Korea
to confer with you and others
in drawing up plans for
appropriate style housing
for the rebuilding of your cities.

I am most optimistic
that a real good will come
of Mr. Pei's visit, and I know
he will receive a warm welcome.
It is my hope that all agencies
will cooperate to the end
that a vast and good rebuilding
program will soon be underway.



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Mr. Van Fleet and I are well. We saw Ambassador Yang and Dr. Hsu in Washington at noon. I am very hopeful of big things to come. They will communicate with you, and I will write more in a day or so.

May this letter, courtesy of Mr. Reil, find you and Mrs. Phee in best of health. I am
Devotedly yours,
James A. Van Fleet.



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James A. Van Fleet
General U.S. Army ret.
West Point N.Y.

Dr. Syngman Rhee
President Republic of Korea
Seoul Korea.

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We
Army
to a
Presi-
and active
for our defense
that this may be
this suggestion of mine known
we need 15 or 20 additional Army divisions
air and naval strength commensurate to the land
forces.

If the United States Government decides
to aid in further increasing our defense forces, I
hope President Eisenhower will appoint you for
this work not only in Korea but also in Southeast