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Summary:

John W. Staggers writes concerning aid from the Foreign Operations Administration, hydro-electric power, and tungsten mining.

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The Honorable, Dr. Syngman Rhee
 President, Republic of Korea
 Seoul, Korea

Dear Dr. Rhee:

I have gone into the plans as set up by the Foreign Operations Administration for the rehabilitation of Korea. I understand that \$50,000,000. have been set aside for the immediate and urgent needs of Korea. Also, I understand the final decision is to be made in Korea by a Commission appointed by you and Stassen's Department here.

There is, as I see it, a grave necessity for the Korean Government to have a liaison representative in the United States to cooperate with the Department, as other Governments who are receiving funds, have done. It is my belief that he could save the Korean Government millions of dollars here. If you feel the same way about it, I would like to become that representative.

I have looked into the Hydro-Electric situation very carefully and it has been discussed with the U.S. Representatives here. If it is passed on by the Board in Korea, it will have the approval of the Department set up by the U.S. Government. Data has been submitted to you, and I understand, referred to the Foreign Minister for his investigation and report.

I am informed, that if the Utah Mining Company, who procured a contract with the Korean Government to operate the Tungsten mines, should fall down on their contract, Grafe-Callahan Company, whom I negotiated with for eighteen months, are still able and ready to enter into a contract with the Korean Government to operate the mines.

I wish to assure you, that my interests in Korea are just as firm and determined as when we were working together here in Washington.

I know how precious your time is, either for reading or writing letters, but there are matters from time to time of great importance to Korea, which I wish to call to your personal attention.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. W. STAGGERS

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P. S. This letter will be handed to you by Col. Goodfellow.

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