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My dear General:

Thank you for your advisory report on the repairs which your engineers are making on the Han River Highway Bridge. This very important and urgent project is one of many which you have undertaken in the interest of safety, efficiency and public welfare, of both temporary and permanent value.

Further evidence of your conscientious concern for Korea and Koreans is the installation of two floating bridges to supplement the Shoofly bridge during the period of repairs on the Hi-Level Bridge. These facilities care for civilian traffic as well as the military without great inconvenience. In fact, numerous comments have reached me on the efficiency and industry of your engineering crews during their round-the-clock operations.

I am well aware, my dear General, that makeshift repairs could have been ordered that would have stood up for the period of expected military use of the bridge, and I thank you for seeing to it that since repair work was necessary, a thorough job that will permit the bridge's use for years to come is being undertaken.

Yours sincerely,

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