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**Letter, Prime Minister Baek Du-jin to Mr. C. Tyler
Wood, the Economic Coordinator**

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Summary:

Paik Too Chin [Baek Du-jin], the Prime Minister of ROK, writes that the ROK government needs the Chosun Hotel, and is disappointed that Mr. C. Tyler Wood has decided to continue to occupy it.

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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER
REPUBLIC OF KOREASeoul, Korea
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Dear Mr. Wood,

I attach a letter I have written to-day to General Taylor with regard to the move of the Office of the Economic Coordinator from the Combined Economic Board building to the Chosun Hotel.

I am very seriously concerned that, despite the mutual arrangements you made that you would use the Plaza Hotel (for which an agreed rental would be paid in accordance with the general agreement with UNC as to payment for real estate, etc., which is now under discussion), you have, prior to your departure, decided with General Taylor to continue indefinitely the occupation of the Chosun Hotel. That hotel is badly needed for Republic of Korea governmental purposes.

You and I have a huge task in front of us. And that task demands consultation and close harmony at every stage. I thus must express my regret that you did not consult me as to your changed decision to abandon my offer of the Plaza Hotel.

With highest esteem,

Yours sincerely,

PAIK, TOO CHIN
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Republic of KoreaMr. C. Tyler Wood
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