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Summary:

Syngman Rhee inquires Young Kee Kim about the statement of Philippines Ambassador to the United States, which appeared in the Pacific Stars and Stripes.

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To Minister Young Kee Kim

From the President

I am in receipt of your letters 102 and 103 and enclosures and thank you for them. The new Legation appears to be a very attractive building with a nicely kept garden and will no doubt be very suitable for your needs, including entertaining. It is gratifying to note that the Philippines Herald is continuing to re-print Dr. Oliver's articles and I hope that KOREAN HUMOR will have interested the Filipinos.

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of *an* article which appeared in the Pacific Stars and Stripes, in which it is said that the Philippines Ambassador to the United States, General P. Romulo stated, "there are more than one billion Asians who are not with them as against fewer than 200 million who are, such as the people of the Philippines, Thailand, Pakistan and perhaps, Japan." Please find out from the Foreign Office whether this is factual as we do not understand why he left out Korea.

When you call on the Foreign Office you can also tell them that our Government is very pleased that the Philippines obtained a seat in the Security Council.

Our Foreign Office will extend an official invitation to President Magsaysay and we will expect to hear from you as soon as possible just when the visit will take place so that we may prepare for it.

It is interesting to read of the manoeuvre by the Japanese to increase the costs of their machinery and goods to make up for the reparations payments for which they are liable. The cunning of the Japanese people is being made evident to the Philippines who should be more wary of their dealings with the Japanese in the future.