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**Summary:**

Syngman Rhee discusses his meeting with Philippines' Vice Minister of Commerce and Industry and President Magsaysay's visit plan to Korea.

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To Minister Young Kee Kim

From the President

When the Vice-Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Perfecto E. Laguis, visited me from Manila recently he mentioned in his talks that it was the desire of the Philippines Government to raise the Legation status to Embassy. I informed him that we will be ready to do so in a month or two. We are now ascertaining through diplomatic channels the date to be agreed upon for the official announcement. We are also finding out through these channels the date when President and Mrs. Magsaysay would find it convenient to visit Korea. The Minister mentioned to me the desire of his President to make an official visit here, and of course he would be welcomed.

The above information is strictly confidential and I do not wish you to in any way approach any Government official in connection with either of the above matters.