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**Summary:**

President Rhee comments on Japan's plan to call an economic conference of Southeast Asian nations.

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To Minister L. Heon Kim

*Manila*

From the President

Receipt is acknowledged of copies of reports from Second Secretary Ho Joon Park to the Foreign Minister together with photographs and news cuttings, all of which have been noted with interest. The pictures taken at the 15 August reception were very good but I notice that the gathering did not include wives and I wonder if there was any reason why they were not invited.

The report that Japan is working on a plan to call an economic conference of Southeast Asian nations is appreciated and we would like to receive henceforth information as to any developments of this plan and also the South-east Asia Development Fund which was earlier proposed and which the Japanese seem intent on promoting further, despite strong opposition of certain countries.