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Summary:

Minister Kim briefs Minister Cho on the Fourth Asian Table Tennis Tournament and the conference of the Asian Table Tennis Association.

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Police is checking these two girls. The investigation will be completed by next week.

Dear Mr. Minister:

I wish to thank you for the recommendation of Miss Cha, Doo Hee, one of your staff members, to be employed by us as a typist-receptionist at the chancery here. In my report No. 105 to the Forain, I enclosed a letter of recommendation from Mr. William A. Glenn in reference to a certain Miss Chung Lim Pak for the typist-receptionist position here. I am glad that there are two applicants indicating their desire to come and work for the legation. We need someone who can understand and speak English enough to carry on a conversation.

Attached is a copy of the letter which I wrote to Miss Pak setting forth certain terms and conditions pertaining to her status of local employment, salary, and travelling expenses to Manila and return. Since we have two applicants for the position, it is advisable to choose the best qualified person on the merit of competitive examination in oral and written English.

See file

A few days ago, Anglican Bishop John Daly of Korea requested me to assist one Korean clergyman Timothy Choi who will be coming here to attend the Anglican Church workers conference from February 8 - 10. I asked him why a non-English-speaking Korean clergyman has to be sent abroad and I was told that since the war, so many able English-speaking Korean Church leaders were captured by the Communists and no Korean priest who can speak English is now available.

The Fourth Asian Table Tennis championships came to a close on January 31, with Vietnam, Hongkong and Nationalist China each garnering two titles while Korea took home the seventh prize which was contested by two Korean girls. Kyung Ja Choi of Speer High School, Kwangju, won over fellow Korean champion Sang Sook Wee.

The Korean participation in the Fourth Asian Table Tennis Tournament was successful from the standpoint of political victory at the conference table where one Indian delegate's aims were frustrated.

The executive committee of the Asian Table Tennis Association which held a conference recently in Manila elected Sung Hwan Lee, director of the Korean Table Tennis players to the Manila games, as Vice President of the Association. Under the leadership of Korean delegate Lee, the Board of Directors approved:

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- 1) Admission of North Korea as a separate entity be rejected;
- 2) Taiwan delegation be recognized as of Nationalist China; and
- 3) Peace Cup donated by Red China be replaced with an Osmia Cup.

Appreciation for the support and cooperation was profusely expressed to Sung Hwan Lee by the staff members of the Chinese embassy and Vietnamese legation here. Had the able Korean been absent due to lack of foresight and dollar-exchange, Korea, Nationalist China, and Vietnam would have been in an unenviable position although all major trophies would have been captured by the four nations.

At the invitation of Ceylon, the Fifth Asian Table Tennis tournament will be held in Colombo in the winter of 1957, and I hope that an able representative be sent from Korea.

Philippine imports from Norway totaled \$340,000 while its exports to that country reached \$8,389,000.00 during the period of 10 months, January to October, 1956. In 1955, the balance of trade in favor of the Philippines amounted to \$10,917,000.

Dollar assistance given to the Philippines from the U.S. during the last five and a half years ending December 31, 1956, amounted to \$147.59 M and the counterpart fund of \$248.24 M was appropriated by the Philippine government for the joint projects: 29 projects in agriculture, 15 in industry and mining, 8 in transportation and public works, 12 in public health, 16 in education and social welfare, 24 in public administration and labor, and 3 in community development.

Yours truly,

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