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**Political Report No. 13 from Ambassador Kim
Yu-taik to President Syngman Rhee**

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Summary:

Kim briefs Syngman Rhee on the agreement at a meeting with Prime Minister Kishi and Foreign Minister Fujiyama regarding Japan-Korea proposals.

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KOREAN MISSION IN JAPAN

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Excellency:

1. In accordance with the agreement reached at my meeting with Prime Minister Kishi and Foreign Minister Fujiyama on July 16, the first business meeting (the preparatory talk was held last week, as reported in my last pouch) of the preliminary talk was held yesterday afternoon at the Kayu Kaikan (Foreign Office Club).

The meeting which lasted 1½ hours from 3:00 p.m., was attended on the Japanese side, as usual, by Director Itagaki and Counselor Miyake of the Asian Affairs Bureau, assisted by Chief Assistant Tsuchiya of the Bureau's 1st Section (on Korea, Okinawa affairs), while our side was represented by Minister Yiu and Counselor Choi who were assisted by 1st Secretary Chin.

2. At the meeting the Japanese side stated that it had received the Korean proposal regarding rewording of the draft documents informally through Deputy Cabinet Secretary Kitazawa, and asked if there was any more revision plan the Korean side was contemplating.

Our side replied that with a view to settling the pending issue from comparatively easy part, it would like to present certain points for discussion, aside from matters concerning "under deportation orders, etc." and "property claim issue". Our side further explained to the Japanese side on the contents of the above-mentioned points, in addition to a brief explanation on the matters concerning "under deportation orders, etc."

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His Excellency
President Syngman Rhee

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and "property claim issue".

Though the meeting was held under a cordial atmosphere, the Japanese side stated that unless the matters concerning "under deportation orders, etc." and "property claim issue" are settled in some form or other, if possible at all, mere discussion of the other points would not help the settlement of the fundamental issue. The meeting yesterday did not go beyond this stage, and the conferees agreed to meet again next Monday (Aug. 5), at which time actual discussion of the above-mentioned two major points will get underway.

3. Judging from the atmosphere prevailing at the meeting yesterday, the outlook of the preliminary talk does not seem optimistic, as the Japanese side evidently has not changed its attitude toward our proposal for rewording.

Under these circumstances I will carefully observe the development in the preliminary talks and will continue my effort, possibly through my informal contact with Kishi and Fujiyama, to press the Japanese side to accept our plan. I will keep the Government informed of further development in this regard, and will request instructions, whenever necessary.

4. Last Tuesday (July 30) Mr. Fujiyama invited all the members of the local diplomatic corps to the first official reception after his resumption of the post which was attended also by Prime Minister Kishi

At this reception I had a chance to exchange the word with Mr. Kishi who said that he hoped for early settlement of the problems pending between the two countries. I told him in reply that our side was also striving hard for the early settlement and both sides should discuss the matter with sincerity.

With sentiments of loyalty and esteem, I remain,

Most respectfully,

Y. T. Kim