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**Letter, Minister Yong Shik Kim [Kim Yong-shik] to
the President**

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Summary:

Request of information on the accomplishment of Liberal and Democratic merger, find out the intention of Italy regarding consuls, and information regarding Iceland pamphlet on fishery line

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TO: Minister Yong Shik Kim

FROM: The President

I wish to thank you for your several letters dated November 10 and enclosures.

The merger of the Liberal and Democratic Parties has been accomplished and I wish you would keep me informed of their activities. According to the radio Yoshida stayed out of the merger. Was it individually or with the splinter group?

Whenever someone from the Italian Embassy approaches you in regard to exchange of consular representatives, I wish you would find out what his country intends to buy from Korea because I know it is mostly a one-way road. I was hoping that by establishing our consulates in Germany and Australia we would be able to sell some of our goods to these countries but so far only we have bought from them. I do not want you to directly ask him, but when the question comes up quietly find out what his government intends to buy from Korea.

I am very glad you are working on the summarization of the K-J Conference. It will be of great value to have this document completed.

The other day our Minister in London sent us a pamphlet circulated by the Icelandic government in regard to their fishery line. I have turned it over to the Foreign Ministry and wonder if you could approach the Icelandic representative ^{and ask him} to give you a copy. If you cannot, let us know and we will ask Ambassador Yang to obtain one from the Icelandic Embassy in Washington.

Your public statements are very good. I only wish there are ways of having these releases printed in American papers. So far our office reports they have never seen any of these releases in American dailies.

I have written Ambassador Limb that we should make all efforts to get into the Scientific Committee of the U. N.