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**Letter No. 18 from Tai Ha Yiu [Yu Tae-ha] of the  
Korean Mission in Japan to President Syngman Rhee**

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**Summary:**

Yu briefs President Rhee on a meeting with Kitazawa, Ohno, and Yatsugi, regarding the amended Korean draft and preliminary talks.

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## REPUBLIC OF KOREA

KOREAN MISSION IN JAPAN

Tokyo, June 28, 1957

No. 18TO : His Excellency  
The President

FROM : Tai Ha Yiu

At a meeting with Kitazawa (deputy cabinet secretary), Ohno (vice foreign minister), and Yatsugi (member of the Liberal-Democratic party) this afternoon, Ambassador Kim proposed that if the Japanese side found it difficult to discuss our amended draft in the open, we would be willing to conduct confidential talks. He said that he was making such a proposal in consideration of the position of the Japanese side.

The Japs replied that they had been trying to get things done in the way the Ambassador had proposed but it had been very difficult as opposition from the various ministries concerned was too strong to the effect that talks would only mean more concessions on the part of Japan.

We finally came to a tentative agreement that preliminary talks would continue on the administrative level. The Japanese side requested that our amended proposal be kept from the press to which we said that we would do so if it would help in settling our problems.

Although tentative agreement was made on the resumption of the preliminary talks, I doubt that we can achieve anything as evidenced from the attitude of the Japanese side.