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**Letter No. 14 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 conversation with Kitazawa regarding the Korea's proposed amendments.

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KOREAN MISSION IN JAPAN

Tokyo, June 25, 1957

No. 14TO : His Excellency
The President

FROM : Tai Ha Yiu

At a reception given by the Thai Ambassador on the occasion of Thai National Day on the 24th, I met Kitazawa who told me that he had received our proposed amendments and had given them to Ishii who in turn called Ohno and telling him to keep the contents confidential instructed him to meet with the Korean side outside the Foreign Ministry as a meeting of the two would again cause the press to speculate.

When Ambassador Kim asked Kitazawa what he thought of our proposed amendments, he stated that we would encounter difficulties. (According to Kitazawa, Ohno had stated when told of our proposal, that the Japanese side cannot make itself more specific than it did in the original drafts. As to the deletion of the words "under deportation orders" in the detainee memo, they were inserted in accordance with the pertinent Japanese law and that they apply not only to Koreans but to other aliens as well. Ohno also cited the many concessions Japan made such as agreeing to leave the term "served their sentences" and on the U.S. memorandum. To all this, however, Ishii told Ohno to study the changes made by the Korean side.)

Although he is not at all sure, Kitazawa feels that the property problem would be the most difficult. I told Kitazawa that the U.S. government sent us the memorandum for reference and not for Korea to accept because the Japanese side failed to withdraw its property claims when it so often proclaimed that it would.

As to the deportation problem, most of the Koreans in Japan had been forcibly brought to Japan and underwent all kinds of hardships. Now for the Japanese side to try to deport them just because they were of no further use will not be tolerated by us, I said. To this, Kitazawa stated that he and Ishii were well aware of it.

At 8:00 p.m. last evening Kitazawa called me at my home to tell me that he had received word from Ishii that he (Ishii) had instructed Ohno to meet us outside of the Foreign Ministry the next day (25).

This morning, Ohno's office called to the effect that the Vice-Minister would like to have the ambassador and me for lunch. I told the Jap it was fine with us but that Ohno would be our guest.

The gist of our meeting will be sent separately.