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Dear President and Mrs. Rhee:

After telling Miss Richmond over the phone that I would not write a pouch letter this week (because of having nothing to report except that we are now engaged in mailing out the Volume VI of the Annual Report) I have decided to write one after all -- partly because I so much enjoy this weekly opportunity to "chat" with you and express however obliquely the affection and very high regard I have for you two, partly to send you the enclosed letter, and partly to express disappointment that Ike has stated he will not visit any country in Asia except Japan. I know this must be a matter for real concern to all Koreans, especially in terms of the deportation program.

No doubt you are discussing with the American Ambassador the importance of having the Korean case clearly presented to Ike, in connection with whatever he may do in Tokyo about Korean-Japanese relations. If the answer is that he plans to do nothing whatsoever about them, this would seem to be too bad, for from all appearances the time has decidedly come for the United States to "exercise its good offices" in helping to find a solution for the problems. I like very much indeed what seems to me to be a highly reasonable point of view expressed by ROKG regarding the "Peace Line." If there is a determination on your part to accomplish a solution, surely Ike's visit in Tokyo should somehow be utilized to dramatize that fact. Perhaps a statement by President Rhee to that effect might be the best way of bringing it about. I would have in mind some such very simple statement as:

"It is the view of our Government that it is of the utmost importance to achieve a just and lasting solution of the problems existing between Korea and Japan. We earnestly hope that President Eisenhower's discussion in Tokyo may contribute to this end. We pledge our continuing efforts to achieve this result, which has always had a very high priority in our governmental policies."

With warm good wishes and high regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

Robert A. Alvis

