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TO: Minister Duk Shin Choi

FROM: The President

I am in receipt of your good report No. 22 dated November 1.

I have carefully read your description of Vietnam national holiday and also about the ceremonies which took place.

It is gratifying to know that Vietnam government received General Chung with such honor and also that our press representatives were well received.

I am glad to know they have provided in their constitution that the president and vice president are to be simultaneously elected on the same ticket. No doubt they had learned by our experience. I don't think any other country has a law which calls for election of a president and a vice president from different parties.

I am very glad that the Vice President is insisting on reparations from Japan first and trade later. This is the only way to deal with the Japs. I do hope they will stand firm on that decision. We expected Formosa to stand with us on the reparations issue or whatever they wanted from Japan first before exchanging diplomatic representatives, but the Chinese government seemed too weak to withstand American pressure.

General Chung returned and he told me of the wonderful reception he received and also of the good work you are doing.