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of Foreign Affairs**

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Summary:

Choi Duk Shin forwards the Vietnamese Government's invitation to the Republic of Korea for the Colombo Plan Conference.

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Excellency,

I have the honour to submit this report No.008 which covers the following points:

1. Receipt of instructions
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1. Receipt of Instructions.

In the past period I have received two of Your Excellency's special instructions; one is dated May 9, 1957 in which a copy of your letter to Minister Young; Koo Kim in Manila was attached. The other one is dated July 4, 1957 and numbered "Political Bureau No.2113" (in Korean). Concerning the first one, I have made every efforts possible, which Your Excellency may have noticed in my CDS Report No.44 page 1 through 3 under the subject: "U.S. Ambassador's call on this Legation Wednesday June 12, 1957". Your Excellency will also find some of the talks which I had with foreigners other than American officials in the CDS Report No.047, under the subject "Meetings with dignitaries".

As far as instruction No.2113 is concerned, I believe I do not have to contact the Vietnamese Government. Instead I will write letters to different people I have already met. In those letters I will certainly mention both the danger of Japanese expansion to Southeast Asia and the wrongness of considering to seat Japan in the Security Council of UN.

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2. Invitation of the Vietnamese Government to the "Colombo Plan".

It has been announced that the "Colombo Plan" conference of 1957 will meet in Saigon this coming October. The Minister of Information and Youth of this host Government is designated as the responsible official to meet the necessary preparations. The Vietnamese Foreign Ministry is asking us if the Republic of Korea would consider to accept the invitation as an "observer" at the forthcoming "Colombo Plan" conference. The Foreign Ministry told us that this invitation goes only to the Republic of Korea this time, because the Government of Viet Nam feels that the Republic of Korea should share the full membership of this "Colombo Plan". The responsible official of Foreign Ministry further expressed the confidence of obtaining from all members the welcome of the Republic of Korea as a full member of the "Colombo Plan".

I hope that Your Excellency will consider it as a very friendly gesture on the part of the Government of Viet Nam and will give a prompt reply to this request.

For the use of our Political Bureau as reference, I am sending the following information material:

LE VIET NAM, pages 127 - 138 (Viet Nam and the Colombo Plan).

With highest consideration and deepest esteem,

Respectfully,

Choi, Duk Shin
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary
of the Republic of Korea to Vietnam

His Excellency
Minister of Foreign Affairs

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- Attachments:
1. Copy of CDS Report No.047
 2. Le Viet Nam
 3. "What Happened in Viet Nam"