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**CDS Report No. 41 from Choi Duk Shin to the
President (Syngman Rhee)**

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Summary:

Choi Duk Shin briefly reports on his Southeast Asia trip.

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Excellency,

I have the honour to submit my Weekly Report No. 41
as follows:

1. Receipt of Instructions
2. Concerning Reports of my Goodwill Trip
3. Expenditures, Goodwill Trip
4. Delay in departure for Seoul

1. Receipt of Instructions.

In the last pouch I received Your Excellency's Instruction No. 61 stating that I should transmit Your Excellency's personal letter to His Excellency the President of Vietnam through the proper diplomatic channels.

On May 22 I visited the Vietnamese Foreign Minister, Mr. Vu Van Mau, and asked for his advice as to how I should properly transmit Your Excellency's personal letter to His Excellency, the President of Vietnam.

He said that his President would return to Saigon on May 23 and he said it was advisable to transmit the personal letter of Your Excellency to His Excellency personally. He said he would like to make an appointment for me to see the President in person, but he was afraid that it would not be possible to see His Excellency until Friday or Saturday.

I had actually planned to leave Saigon for Seoul on Friday and arrive in Seoul on Monday, May 27, but since it will not be

possible to see His Excellency before Friday, I have deferred my trip until Tuesday of next week, that is May 28, and I will arrive in Seoul on Thursday, the 30th.

2. Concerning Reports of my Goodwill Trip.

I am submitting with this report my Special Reports Nos. 8 and 11 covering Ceylon and Thailand respectively. Reports covering the other countries I visited will be in the next pouch. Report containing my conclusions I shall bring with me to Seoul. I am attaching a paper showing the numbers of my reports and the names of the countries they cover.

I regret that I have had to submit my reports separately and I am sorry that it appears that a delay has occurred in submitting these reports.

3. Expenditures, Goodwill Trip.

I received from the Foreign Minister the additional amount to cover the expenditures incurred by this mission during the Goodwill Trip. I appreciate the attention that Your Excellency gave to this matter.

4. Delay in departure for Seoul.

The matter which Your Excellency has entrusted to me to carry out is of sufficient importance for me to defer my trip to Seoul until early next week. The few days delay will be utilized by me to finalize my remaining reports and to take care of official matters of the Legation which were awaiting my return.

With sentiments of deepest loyalty and highest esteem.

Respectfully,

Choi Duk Shin

Choi, Duk Shin

Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary
of Republic of Korea to Vietnam

His Excellency

President of Republic of Korea.

Attachment. Special Reports No. 8 & 11.

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