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**Letter No. 6 from the President (Syngman Rhee) to
Minister Duk Shin Choi**

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Summary:

President Rhee reasserts the falseness of the invitation to Nationalist China and Free Vietnam to attend a meeting on the military alliance.

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To: Minister Duk Shin Choi

From: The President

I read with interest your report No. 009 which touched on several subjects.

I am glad to have the information about the Cao Dai religion and its political affiliation with the present government. I have noted that the government exiled the pope who visited here in 1953.

We were rather concerned about the UP report of which I am enclosing a copy. As you know fully well I advised you not to mention any pact or treaty with Vietnam because we know they are in no position to sign such an agreement at the present time. I am sure you have been able to trace out the source of this false information and also have notified the Vietnamese government about it. Acting Foreign Minister Cho denied foreign news reports that ROK has issued invitations to Nationalist China and Free Vietnam for a conference to form a tripartite military alliance.

I told you previously we have to be careful in diplomatic dealings otherwise what we say may embarrass us in the end.

Thank you for the photographs and newspaper clippings.

Encl: a/s

J

cc: Cho