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Draft Letter from Mrs. Rhee to Minister in Vietnam

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HERE IS ANOTHER LETTER FROM MRS RHEE TO MINISTER CHOI IN VIETNAM

~~TO MINISTER CHOI DUK SHIN~~

TOP SECRET

YOUR DRAFT LETTER DECEMBER TENTH IS JUST TO HAND PD I READ IT THROUGH
REPEAT THRU VERY CAREFULLY YOU HAVE EVERYTHING SAID IN EVERY DETAIL
DESCRIBING THE SITUATION WE AND OTHER ASIATIC COUNTRIES ARE IN PD
THE ONLY POINT IS SOME WHAT UNCLEAR IS YOUR FIRST PARA. OF WHICH THE LET
TER THEREFORE I HAVE CHANGED IT A LITTLE PD THE IMPORTANT FACTOR IS TO
USE IT IN TIME PD SO AS TO REACH ALL THE FRIENDLY NATIONS AND THE
RIGHT PERSON OR PERSONS TO CREATE CONFIDENCE IN US PD JUST AS YOU SAID
THERE ARE TWO FOLD DANGERS ON THE ONE SIDE THE COMMUNISTS THREAT AND ON
THE OTHER SIDE THE JAPS REPID EXPENSION PD THE WORST THING IN THE JAP
THREAT IS THAT JAPS BROUGHT THE US A SECRETARY OF STATE ON THEIR SIDE PD
THRU THAT CHANNEL THE JAPS ARE USING THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN INFLUENCING
AND ALMOST FORCING THE ASIATIC NATIONS TO RECOGNIZE JAPAN AS THE SUPREME
AND DOMINATING POWER IN EVERY ORGANIZATION PDP

I HAVE BEEN FIGHTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT SINGLEHANDED ALL THE TIME AND
WE HAVE SOME INFLUENTIAL FRIENDS ON REPEAT IN THAT DEPARTMENT WHO REALIZE
THE STAND WE TAKE IS THIS REPEAT IS THE STAND THE AMERICAN GOVERN
GOVERN REPEAT GOVERNMENT IS TO TAKE AND THEY ARE TRYING ALL THEY CAN
TO CONVINCE THE SECRETARY BUT HE SEEMS TO BE CONNECTED WITH THE JAPS
THEREFORE HE HAS TO DO WHAT THE JAPS DEMAND PD IN THE MEANTIME CMA
THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN THE PENTAGON WHO FULLY
REALIZE THE JAPS AGGRESSION PLAN PD

~~WHILE WE ARE FIGHTING IN OUR~~
~~STRUGGLE~~ KISHI IS DOING ALL HE CAN TO LET THEIR FRIENDS IN THE STATE DEPT

REPEAT DEPARTMENT TO MAKE SOME SORT OF WRITTEN AGGREEMENT WHICH WILL MAKE

THE U S A AND ASIATIC COUNTRIES TO AGREE TO SOME ORGANIZATION BY WHICH
JAPS HEGEMONY IS ACKNOWLEDGED PD IN THIS STRUGGLE WE HAVE PHILLIPINES

AND PERHAPS THAILAND AND HOPE SOME OTHER ASIATIC COUNTRIES WILL JOIN
AND WILL STAND FIRM AGAINST WUCH AMERICAN PLAN PD HE THE CHINESE
HAVE BEEN PRO JAP AND WE HAD SOME DIFFICULTIES ALTHO THEY PROMISED TO
STAND WITH US BUT UNLESS ALL ASIATIC NATIONS WILL STAND TOGETHER TO
FORCE THEM PD IT IS STILL QUESTIONABLE HOW LOYAL THEY WILL BE PD IN
THIS CN CONNECTION I LEAVE THE WHOLE MATTER WITH YOU PD

THE ABOVE IS MRS RHEE S ANSWER SHE SAID THAT THIS IS TOP SECRET PD