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Syngman Rhee****Citation:**

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**Summary:**

Lieutenant General John B. Coulter responds to Syngman Rhee's request to obtain vehicles and tanks that the US plans to scrap.

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HEADQUARTERS  
EIGHTH UNITED STATES ARMY KOREA (EUSAK)  
Office of the Commanding General  
APO 301

His Excellency Syngman Rhee  
President of the Republic of Korea

Dear Mr. President:

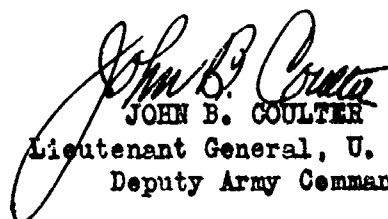
Upon receipt of your letter of 14 February, inquiring as to the feasibility of obtaining damaged vehicles and tanks, I immediately instituted exploration of the entire problem.

The regulations of the United States Army require that all economically repairable vehicles and tanks undergo repairs necessary to restore these items to a usable condition. In the event damage is of sufficient extent to render equipment uneconomically repairable, the regulations require that all serviceable unit assemblies be removed for repair of similar or identical equipment.

It is concluded therefore, that in accordance with the regulations, all equipment in which you express an interest must be uneconomically repairable within the extensive repair facilities available to the United States before such material can be classified as scrap. This equipment is rendered even more useless and irreparable by the requirement for the removal of all serviceable assemblies.

It is regrettable that, after army regulations are met, the equipment could not be returned to a condition suitable for the purpose indicated in your letter.

Yours respectfully,

  
JOHN B. COULTER  
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army  
Deputy Army Commander