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Summary:

The handicraft project, which the Korean Red Cross is arranging for disabled veterans, needs authorization to make necessary arrangements. This letter contains specific programs in the handicraft project and three reasons for delay.

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Mr A.G. Brown,
Secretary General,
Australian Red Cross Society,
122-128 Flinders St.,
Melbourne, Australia.

Dear Mr Brown,

Re: Handicraft Project - Korean Red Cross

A copy of a letter sent to Mr Lincoln Hoon Kim, Consul General for the Republic of Korea in Australia, dated March 12th 1954, on the noted subject, has been forwarded by President Rhee's secretary to the Korean National Red Cross. It has been referred to me for comments.

The situation as reported by your Assistant Commissioner Etheridge at that time was quite correct, however, at the time of his last visit to Korea approximately one month ago, we again discussed the situation as it now stands, and requested his cooperation in endeavouring to arrange for the services of Miss Whitehead or other qualified instructor. On meeting with him this morning he advised that he had written you for authorization to make the necessary arrangements.

The Korean Red Cross in cooperation with the Ministry of Defence is arranging to set up a handicraft programme for disabled veterans. The Ministry of Defence is to provide the building with the Korean Red Cross, by courtesy of the Australian Red Cross, supplying equipment, supplies and supervision.

Delay at the present time is due to three factors, as follows:

1. Provision of the building by the Ministry of Defence
2. Technical training for instructors
3. Result of current campaign for funds to ensure the continuation of the programme without foreign aid, or to determine the amount of foreign aid required.

We are optimistic that the campaign, now underway, will be successful.

I trust that the foregoing will be satisfactory to you.

cc League
Mr Cooke
Mr Etheridge
Dr Sohn KNRC ✓

Yours sincerely

(Albert Batten)
Associate League Coordinator