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My dear Mr. President:

It is my very great pleasure to extend on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Korea a cordial invitation to your Excellency to make a state visit to Korea at your convenience.

My people and our Government value the friendship and partnership of the Republic of Viet-Nam as we face together the problems of young Republics in Asia struggling to keep our hard-won freedoms, to achieve the blessings of freedom for all the people of our divided nations, and to attain goals worthy of newly independent nations dedicated to a democratic way of life. Your Excellency's visit to Korea would strengthen the goodwill which happily exists between our nations and would further demonstrate the unity of the free nations of Asia in their indomitable resistance against the forces of Communist aggression.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of our friendship and highest esteem.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Syngman Rhee

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