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Dear Mr. Minister:

In answer to your communication of December 15th, I wish to report to you that I had a talk with Minister Cao Thai Bao of the Vietnam Legation in Manila concerning the appointment of his government's minister to Korea. He assured me that he will convey our government's desire to President Diem for an early exchange of diplomatic envoys between the two countries. He told me that lack of trained leaders in the diplomatic service is one of the reasons why his government has not yet appointed any one to be accredited to Korea. He stated that his government has accepted the agreement to the appointment of Lt. General Duk Shin Choi as the Korean minister to Vietnam.

Prince Norodom Sihanouk, Prime Minister of Cambodia, will visit the Philippines on a goodwill mission to which Mr. Magsaysay informally invited him. The Indo-China associated states look upon the leadership of President Magsaysay for moral support and guidance in the administration of the respective states.

Two Korean student delegates arrived here several days ago to attend the Baguio Conference where many Asian student delegates are represented. In one aspect, it is important for the Korean student delegates to assess the trend of thought the young people of Asian nations mould in an era of conflicting ideology. It would be the first occasion for our young people to associate with the youth of other oriental nations. Both Korean representatives speak English fluently and I am sure their attendance at the international student gathering will be mutually benefitted.

Diplomatic relations between the Philippines and Germany will be evidenced by the establishment of a German Legation here in Manila in the early part of next year and reciprocated by the Philippine Government. Exchange of diplomatic envoys is motivated by an incessant demand for foreign trade.

Enclosed is a copy of the speech delivered by Mr. Cesar M. Lorenzo, President of the Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines, in which is discussed the aspect of the foreign investment in the Philippines by American nationals. The Philippines, being an agricultural country like ours, face so many new problems in



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solving the unemployment and seeking new investment by other nationals. It might be worth while for us to digest some of the salient points which the Chamber of Commerce President brought out for discussion.

Sincerely yours,

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