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FROM CG USAFIK TO STATE DEPT, INFO JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF,
CINCPAC CITE ZPOL 3263. HODGE SENDS FOR JACOBS.

According to police chief Chough, number of persons
registering as of April 4 was approximately 5,600,000
out of estimated 8,800,000 eligibles, which is excellent
showing as four days remain for registration.

Also to date, there has been comparatively little violence
in connection with registrations. -Only nine registration
places have been attacked, seven in Cholla Namdo and two
in Seoul. Attacks on police boxes, especially on Cheju
Island by leftist "Goon" squads (believed to be perpetrated
largely for purpose of obtaining arms) continue but this
is considered to be coincidental to registration and not
as result thereof.

JACOBS

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• 남한 선거와 관련해 공포된 명령(1948. 4. 9)

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Office of U. S. Political Adviser
Seoul, Korea, Hq., XXIV Corps, APO 235
c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.
April 9, 1948

SUBJECT: Orders Issued by USAFIK and USAMGIK Regarding
South Korean Elections

THE HONORABLE
THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON

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With reference to this Office's despatch No. 62 of March 22, 1948 transmitting regulations implementing the law for the election of representatives of the Korean people, I have the honor to transmit additional instructions issued by the Commanding Generals of the United States Army Forces in Korea and the United States Military Government in Korea regarding election procedures, and copies of executive orders issued by the Civil Administrator, South Korean Interim Government.

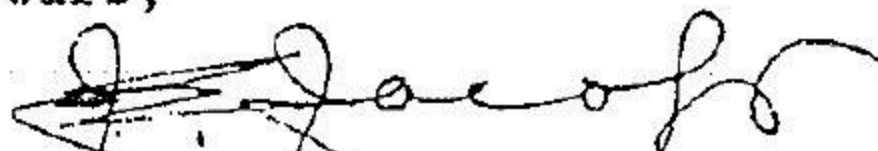
Executive order No. 19 of March 31st suspends temporarily the provisions of law which provide a penalty for persons failing to register a new residence. The suspension is provided for until after the elections to protect people forced to move during the election period but who can only vote in the districts where they formerly lived.

The enclosed USAMGIK order of April 1st addressed to each Chief Civil Affairs Officer throughout South Korea provides for observations by Military Government personnel to check on pre-election activity and registration procedures from the local level up to the provincial level. On election day each CCAO is ordered to provide two observers in each electoral district to separately spot-check voting districts and one observer with each provincial election committee. An accurate provincial log of all observations is to be kept.

In a telegram of April 2nd addressed to his major echelon commanders, General John R. Hodge warned of the danger of attempts by Communists and other dissident elements to wreck the elections. He directed them to furnish men and personnel to the Military Governor where needed for observing or assisting in the elections, to familiarize their personnel with the provisions of the Korean election law, and to see that troop units are acquainted with the polling places within their areas. Patrols were ordered to observe general conditions on election day, but polling places were not to be entered into by uniformed Americans except where necessary to restore order.

SKIG Executive Order No. 20 of April 5th changed the date of the election to Monday, May 10th and validated registrations of voters which were made on March 30, 1948.

Respectfully yours,



Joseph E. Jacobs
United States Political Adviser

Enclosures: 4

1. General Hodge's Telegram of April 2, 1948
2. USAMGIK Order of April 1, 1948
3. SKIG Executive Order No. 19 (4 copies)
4. SKIG Executive Order No. 20 of April 5, 1948 (4 copies)

<첨부문서> 제1호: 남한 선거관련 하지 장군의 전문(1948. 4. 2)

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April 2, 1948

To: Commanding General, 6th Division
Commanding General, 7th Division
Commanding General, Military Government
Commanding General, Korea Base Command

Personal from Hodge to Major Echelon Commanders. The coming Korean elections will be a critical period in our occupation. Success in this effort to have the Koreans select their representatives in a fair election is essential to the accomplishment of the United States mission. We may expect considerable opposition to the election from Korean communists and from dissident minority politicians and groups who cannot hope to elect candidates. Based upon events to date, we may also expect heavy criticism from the UNTCOK on the conduct of elections.

The Military Governor is charged with the execution of U. S. observation of elections. For this purpose he or his representatives are authorized to call directly on any troop unit in the area including civilian personnel therewith, for such assistance as may be needed, including transportation and personnel to act as observers.

It is directed that all American personnel be familiarized with the provisions of the Korean election law and election regulations. It is further directed that troop units in each area familiarize themselves with the location of all polling places in their area of responsibility and that in so far as possible all polling places be visited briefly by patrols between now and election day to check physical setup, progress of registration and display of registers. Patrols will operate actively throughout respective areas on election day to observe general conditions but polling places will not be entered by Americans in uniform on that day, unless necessary to restore order.

Records will be kept of all polling places checked, and reports made to this Headquarters, attention Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 of all irregularities noted that might affect

validity of elections. Closest contact will be maintained between provincial and lower level Military Government Civil Affairs Officers and units and the tactical units.

HODGE

• 유엔한국임시위원단의 선거관련 논평(1948. 4. 26)

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INCOMING TELEGRAM

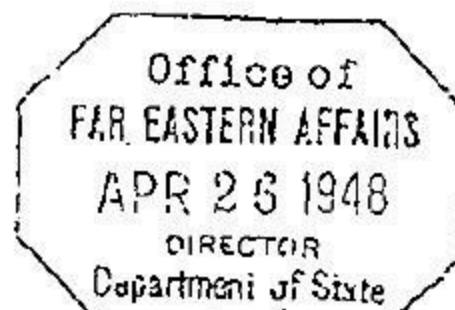
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Following are comments on UNTCOK and related activities subsequent to those reported Seoul POLAD's 253 April 19, 261 April 22, 264 April 23 and 265 April 23.

One. Meetings: No meetings as delegates and members secretariat spent entire week making observation trips according to itinerary mentioned Paragraph Two, Seoul's 253 which however was so arranged that some delegate or officer of secretariat remained at headquarters in Seoul.

During coming week there will probably be plenary session or sessions to discuss Jackson's tabled motion to decide at end of April whether atmosphere is satisfactory for UNTCOK observance of election. Believe majority will favor going ahead with observation at least insofar as atmosphere is concerned but am uncertain about new developments that may arise if some new red herring comes out of Pyongyang conference, especially in view of interest of Jackson, Patterson and Nugent and Milner in that conference.

Two. Documents: Only one document issued during week, viz: press release 56 April 17 containing resolution on death of President Roxas of Philippines.