

Association's whole purpose is to bring about the greatest possible security, peace, and order. The National Association movement, the President said, is a purely nationalistic movement. It is organized everywhere but it must be strengthened. Then there are also the youth groups which have now been united into one group. The youth of Korea must work together. Also there are the women's organizations, such as in Cheju. The school girls and women must be organized too, the President said. The young people must be counted upon for service in the reserve Army. If all these groups are organized—like the militia—they will become disciplined, and can cooperate with the Army, police, magistrates, etc., and in this way check Communist subversion. The President then said that he talked to these groups when on his trip and had suggested to them that they organize. He had told them that he was trying to obtain experienced Americans to aid them. He then asked how much help Korea could expect in this field from the United States.

Mr. Muccio replied that with respect to the Army, the reserve Army, and the ROTC of Korea, United States Army officers could be of assistance. But as far as nonmilitary activities were concerned, Mr. Muccio went on, Mr. John Lasher was being sent to Korea to offer his assistance. Lasher had good experience in the youth field and would be able, after looking the situation over for a month or two, to offer constructive advice. In this connection, Mr. Muccio expressed the view that an organization like the NYA, which he proceeded to describe, might be appropriate for Korea at this juncture.

The Minister of Defense broke in to inquire what advisers, if any, would be detailed to the Korean Air Force. Mr. Muccio indicated in reply that General Wedemeyer had indicated that the modern air force is a very complex instrument and offers many complicated problems. Mr. Muccio went on to suggest that in the event of ~~trouble~~ the U. S. Air Force could be over Korea in a matter of minutes. General Roberts then said that his Table of Organization provided for the detail of two officers and some enlisted men to the Korean Air Force.

At this point the discussion turned to other subjects which will be reported separately.

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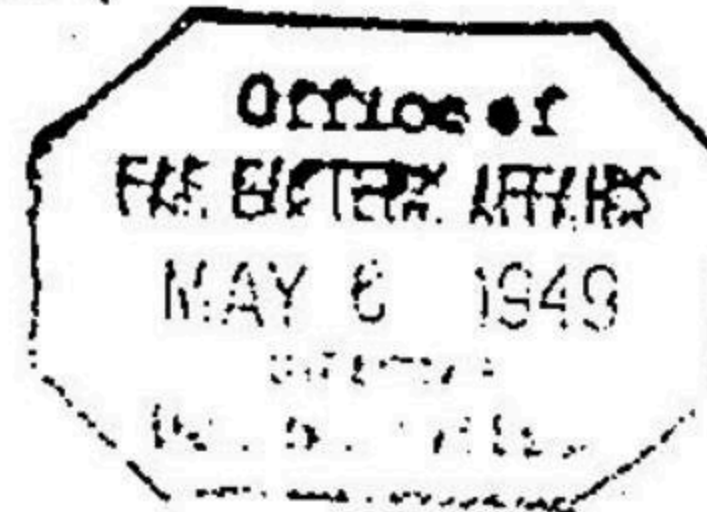
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TO: Secretary of State



PRIORITY

Further to DEPTTEL 268, April 21, I submit following comment re paragraph 6 thereof.

1. While I consider ROK unable economically, industrially and technically to support effective air force, I feel ROK should not be denied opportunity develop some knowledge and capability aviation.
2. After consultation with General Roberts, military attache, and others I recommend we provide ROK with following aircraft and equipment: (1) 10 observation craft; (2) 10 transport aircraft; (3) 10 trainers; (4) 10 transports.
3. Additional liaison craft requested would supplement 16 L-4's and L-5's now operational. These craft found highly valuable for observation purposes in Cheju and Chiri Mts. operations against Commie guerrillas would also be helpful in spotting smuggling and hostile infiltration activities.
4. Trainers requested would be utilized to train ROK aviation personnel of which nucleus now exists. These trainers would be valuable morale and psychological factors.
5. Transports urgently needed for emergency transportation ROK personnel and equipment within Korea. At present USAFIK furnishes emergency service ROK but this will no longer exist on withdrawal USAFIK. Last October, for instance, US transports rushed Korean personnel, ammunition, communication equipment to Yosu-Sunchon area.
6. If I am able to offer Rhee above requested moderate requirements, I feel it will head off further ROK inordinate requests for aircraft and at same time reconcile Rhee more easily to fact of US troop withdrawal.

Very truly yours, [Signature]

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