

HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES ARMY MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN KOREA  
APO 235 Unit 2

11 December 1947

SUBJECT: Observance of Instructions from Central Organization  
of South Korean Government.

TO : Lyoo, Hai Chin ( Recommended letter not necessarily )  
Provincial Governor ( the one - if any - sent )  
Cheju Province ( FJC )

1. Reference is made to your letter of 13 November 1947. A complete investigation by representatives of NFA, American and Korean, reveals the following:

a. The Provincial Food Service personnel arrested were office employees and not collection men. Therefore, their absence from duty could not have interfered with the legal summer grain collection program. Furthermore they were not arrested until 27 September, 1947 at which time the P.F.S. collection was completed and even your own program was nearly at a close.

b. While it appears to be a fact that some of your farmers do not grow all of their food requirements it is not a fact that they were in such dire need of food that danger of a famine or a riot existed in Cheju Do last fall. It is noted that all of the grain collected by your agencies was returned to farmers, usually to the farmer that grew it. A collection of this nature is meaningless as it provides no food for non-farmers. Our credulity will not permit us to believe the farmers of Cheju Do went hungry while they waited permission to eat grain in their possession.

c. It appears that your program was in operation in some myons in competition with legal collection points. The official program was bound to be the failure it was when farmers could obtain permission to keep their grain or sell their surplus to a neighboring farmer.

2. As the unauthorized collection contributed nothing to the official summer grain collection program, credit will only be give for grain purchased by the P.F.S. All reports and records will be corrected to show that only 3,209 suk of summer grains were collected during the 1947 Summer Grain Collection Program in Cheju Do.

3. It is also reported by reliable sources that you have failed to cooperate with the National Government, not only in respect to rationing but also that your motor equipment is abused and neglected, and that required reports are tardy. Immediate steps will be taken to correct these conditions.

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