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National Food Administration
Seoul, Korea

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SUBJECT: Operation of 1947-48 Rice Collection Program in Cheju Do.

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1. Quotas were given to farmers 25 to 29 November, 1947.
2. Collection goal is 1000 suk of polished rice and 4000 suk of other grains. This is 1000 suk more of other grains than was required by the Rice Collection quota established for Cheju Do on 26 November, 1947.
3. We were assured that 100% of the collection goal would be realized by 12 myons by 15 December and by the one other myon by 31 December.
4. We visited 3 collection points. At the first one visited we learned that the inspector had not arrived until 2:00 PM. The following morning at 11:00 at the second point visited we found farmers waiting for the inspector. Upon learning it was the same inspector we had seen at the first point we drove back to get him. He stated he had lost the morning because there had been a discrepancy between his collection figures and those of the myon Chang. We brought him to second point at 12:30.

We arrived at the third collection point at approximately 1600. The inspector had arrived only a few minutes before. Again the farmers had been kept waiting for hours. We believe it to have been no coincidence that tardiness occurred at the three points visited. We believe this to be the rule and that the inspectors are not properly supervised.
5. About fifty yards from the Third Collection Point visited we found a group of officials and farmers handling grain. Inquiry revealed that farmers with a quota of less than one bag brought their grain to this point. It was then weighed, receipted and bagged for delivery to the official collection point.

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