

Attachment A

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF CHEJU DO  
Office of Provincial Governor  
Cheju, Korea

13 November 1947

SUBJECT: Observance of Instructions from Central Organisation  
of South Korean Government

TO : Mr. Chn Chai Hong  
Civil Administrator, South  
Korean Interim Government

Reference is made to the letter dated 31 October, 1947.

1. According to the letter dated 31 October, a mistake regarding the summer grain collection quota had been committed by this provincial government. However, this province has collected more than the quota instructed as the report of this provincial government dated 31 Oct. indicates.

From the special situation of this province that poorer farmers constitute the majority of the whole farmers of this province, 3,940 suk out of the whole quota to this province was collected from that of the farmers who had more than they need as provisions, and bought by the regular collecting agencies; the rest totaling 13,060 suk had to be collected from that of the poorer farmers who were in needy condition and had to be rationed back to the. For his rest part, therefore, it was planned with the approval of the Director, National Food Administration, that a temporary collecting point was established in every village, and sale also would be carried out in each village for saving expenses, labour, and time on the part of poorer farmers.

In the beginning of Sept., however, 11 of the personnel of the CHEJU Food Service were arrested by the police on a certain charge, and were detained for 32 days up to the middle of October.

Because of these arrests the Food Service had to postpone examination of the collected grains while the Provincial Government had already collected summer grains more than its quota (104%).

Due to this delayed examination, poorer farmers were not been rationed back the grains and were nearly starved. It was feared by this critical food situation that there might be a riot. The Provincial Government, therefore, with the object of overcoming this situation, mobilized all the personnel of governmental organizations and agencies to issue the Grain Receiving Tickets, and the Provincial Government rationed back 13,060 suk to poorer farmers as soon as the issuance of the tickets were completed.

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Therefore, it is very clear fact that the Provincial Government had attained more than its quota, but the Food Service did not complete its examination.

For your information:

Quota to this province	17,000STK
Amount collected by this province	17,078 "
Sale by the regular collecting agencies	3,209 "
Amount collected by village temporary collecting points	13,869 "

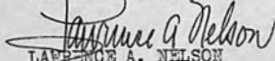
2. It is quite groundless that this Provincial Government requested the Central organization to send the instruction in Korean regarding the assignment of types to this province.

If there had been such a requisition, there might have been something wrong in interpretation.

This Provincial Government has observed, and will also observe, any instruction from the Central Government regardless its language.

/s/ Lyoo, Hai Chin  
Provincial Governor  
Cheju Province

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