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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PETRUS J. SCHMIDT
Principal Secretary
UNTCOK

SUBJECT: Date of Elections.

In view of the resolution adopted by the Interim Committee as quoted in UNTCOK Press Release #32, which reads as follows: "RESOLVED THAT: in its view it is incumbent upon the United Nations Temporary Commission on Korea, under the terms of the General Assembly Resolution of 14 November 1947 and in the light of developments in the situation with respect to Korea since that date, to implement the programme as outlined in Resolution II in such parts of Korea as are accessible to the Commission.", I would suggest that in order to accelerate completion of preparations for elections in South Korea, that May 20th be established as the election date.

It appears probable that Public Act No. 5, approved by the South Korean Government on 3 September 1947, will in general be used as the framework for the necessary election legislation. The various steps involved in the execution of this law (see Inclosure No. 1 attached hereto) require a period of at least 90 days, and from my viewpoint as the officer responsible to the Commanding General and the Military Governor, it would be highly desirable to decide on the date of the election without delay. If you should see fit to shorten this period by about ten days, I could see no great objection to that procedure.

General Hodge agreed with my plan and thinks that while elections should be held at the earliest practicable date, the time schedule mentioned in Inclosure No. 1 should be generally adhered to.

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Inclosure No. 57

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