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LETTER FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTION COMMITTEE
TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
UNITED NATIONS TEMPORARY COMMISSION ON KOREA

Seoul, Korea
25 March 1948

M. Jean-Louis Paul-Boncour
Chairman, United Nations Temporary
Commission on Korea
Seoul, Korea

Dear Mr. Paul-Boncour:

The National Election Committee, realizing the sincere craving of all Koreans for Independence and for their own Government has been working wholeheartedly, day and night to insure a free Election on May 9, 1948.

In spite of our efforts and the thorough cooperation of Military Government we feel, with sorrow in our hearts, that a short postponement of the election will be necessary for reasons stated hereafter.

All concerned realize the acute necessity for proper information to reach the most remote villages. The National Election Committee, after much work and serious thought, regrets to report the following schedule:

Printing of Election Law and Regulations completed	March 25
Breakdown and packaging for distribution - 2 days	March 27
Laws and Regulations delivered to all places (remote villages) - 10 days	April 6
Local Committees to get familiar with Law, etc. and insure correct information to the public - minimum 3 days	April 9
Start of Registration	April 10
Based on law setting registration as 40 days before election - - - - - Election Day	May 20

In view of the above facts and with due consideration to printing and distribution difficulties actually encountered to date plus foreseeable practical difficulties in the future, a period of grace should be added to the above schedule.

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With much regret we ask your generous assistance in obtaining a change of Election Day from May 9, 1948 to May 24, 1948.

Sincerely yours,

Ro Chin Sul
Chairman,
National Election Committee

Copy to:
Major General W.F. Dean,
Military Governor

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