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POSTPONEMENT OF THE ELECTION DATE

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
UNITED NATIONS TEMPORARY COMMISSION ON KOREA  
TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL  
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN KOREA

30 March 1948

Dear General Hodge:

I have duly submitted to the United Nations Temporary Commission on Korea the considerations outlined in your letter dated 29 March, concerning the suggested postponement until 24 May of the elections previously fixed for 9 May 1948.

Inasmuch as some of the considerations for the postponement involve retrospectively the responsibility of our Commission or of its Secretariat, you will find a clarifying statement annexed to this letter.

I am instructed to inform you that it is the wish of the United Nations Temporary Commission on Korea that the elections should still be held on the date of 9 May 1948 as adopted in its Resolution of 12 March 1948.

Generally speaking, our Commission does not intend, at the present stage of the preparations for elections, to reconsider its previous recommendations, resolutions or decisions. The Commission, however, has decided to establish technical organs for purposes of observation, particularly the implementation of its recommendations. A Main Committee has been established in Seoul and authorized to receive, examine and discuss such considerations or requests as may be submitted to it with regard to the implementation of electoral procedures. The United States Military Authorities will therefore have the opportunity to present their views for the consideration of the Committee.

On the recommendations of this Main Committee, the United Nations Temporary Commission on Korea will eventually take such new decisions as the existing circumstances warrant.

Yours very sincerely,

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Chairman,  
United Nations Temporary Commission on Korea

Lieutenant General John R. Hodge  
Commanding General  
United States Army Forces in Korea  
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