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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL HODGE:

SUBJECT: Daily Report of UNTCOK Activities, Saturday, 10 April and Sunday, 11 April.

General Report - UNTCOK Observations

Itinerary, Arrangements and Observations

Itinerary

GROUP I - (Jackson, Manet*, Luna, Villalva*, Valle, Singh*, Milner, Seto and Engers):

- Monday - Seoul
- Tuesday - Kaesong
- Wednesday - Inchon
- Thursday - Chunchon
- Friday and Saturday - Cheju Do

GROUP II - (Patterson, Mughir and Lucas):

Kwangju

GROUP III - (Paul-Boncour, Lindo, Wang, Schmidt, Hausner):

Pusan

Arrangements

GROUP I - (See Special Report 117 on MP incident of 9 April.) In general, arrangements good. Everything clicked. Manet and Singh mentioned Colonel Stillman at Kaesong and Colonel Gammon at Chunchon had been particularly helpful. No complaints about transportation, food or arrangements.

GROUP II - The train trip was fine, comfortable berths, excellent food. UNTCOK slept on the train every night and ate comfortably on the train

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every meal. They found it convenient to be able to invite Koreans to lunch on the train rather than to accept invitations from them. Despite the announced intention to avoid social functions, they did accept invitations from the Americans at Kwangju. Mughir mentioned particularly that Colonel Brown and Colonel Murphy at Kaesong had been excellent aids. Also, that Patterson had directed Lucas to write a letter of appreciation.

GROUP III - Slept and ate on the train. Everything very satisfactory. In charge of the dining car was the man in charge of Chosun Hotel dining room. Food was perfect.

Observations

GROUP I - Seoul - Manet: "Better than we expected. People in charge of registration booths were serious and doing a good job."

Kaesong - Villalva: "Everything was excellent."

Inchon - Manet: "It was almost too good."

Chunchon - Singh: "Excellent."

Cheju Do - Manet: "In general, things were good. Milner, after his run in with Villalva at Kaesong, (see Daily Report for 6 April) was not so evidently looking for the bad. We heard reports of police control and physical violence to make people register, but our report will not concentrate on these points. Majority of opinion is that things were excellent." (See Special Report 118 for more detailed information.)

Cheju Do - Singh: "The situation was not bad at all. It was better than we expected as a matter of fact. The registrations have been much better conducted than in my own country or China."

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GROUP II - Mughir: "Things were very, very bad. We know now beyond a shadow of a doubt that Korea is a police state. But we also know that blame should not be attached to the U.S. It is psychological. It is built into the people.

"General Hodge should call off the elections. If he can't do this, I hope UNTCOK can, in some way, evade this business of 'free atmosphere'. Had we known what we know, we never would have taken a stand on free atmosphere." (See Special Report 119 for more information.)

GROUP III - Hausner: "Everything was excellent. Much better than we had expected. We were pleasantly surprised at the heavy registration. We were favorably impressed. Nothing bad. Everything good."

Lindo: "If you don't mind, I would rather not speak about our observations. We are going to make a report but it's confidential, you know. Please forgive me. I hope you'll understand." (Evidently "security-conscious Schmidt" had taken advantage of the week with Lindo to seal his mouth.)

Paul-Boncour: (See Special Report 120 for report of complete conversation.)
"Things were rather bad. These middle-of-the-roaders gave enough testimony of police state and pressure methods to furnish Vishinsky with his Paris address. I have finally realized in this week that it is not to the U.S. advantage to have UNTCOK here. It is unwise to go ahead with these elections because UNTCOK observation is going to do you

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