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OPERATIONS ON CHEJU DO

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cc: Pres Mac  
Supreme C/S  
CG, KC  
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An important occurrence has been noted in our operations in Cheju do which should be brought to your attention, as it points to a distinct swing in the thinking of your people. This swing in thinking is in the proper direction, too.

As you know, the inhabitants of Cheju do have been independent thinkers and they have been well-organized by KRF. They formerly were hostile to the Constabulary and Police troops. Now, in general, they are friendly. They are assisting the Police and Constabulary by furnishing information freely, and lately, they are assisting the Army and Police in removing the Rebels.

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I quote a report just received:

"The 5th Regiment led by Lt Col Song You Chan has obtained complete information and cooperation from the citizens of cheju do. Recent operations conducted on the island have been participated in by spear-armed islanders led by small groups of Korean Army Officers and men. On one occasion, 3,000 men from the island moved against armed Raiders on the slopes of Halla San. These men were led by small groups of Korean Army personnel and inflicted over one hundred casualties on the enemy; some firearms and stores of food were captured. 111800 December, one company of 5th Regiment led 1000 villagers in the vicinity of Topyong-ni (SSS-1153). 105 Raiders were killed, their weapons and equipment captured. These are only two of many reported instances of cooperation on Cheju do. It is interesting to note that the Korean Army distributes captured enemy clothing and food to needy villagers whose homes have been destroyed by Raiders. Lt Col Song You Chan is to be highly commended on his accomplishment of changing the islanders' initial attitude of belligerency to one of wholehearted trust and cooperation."

As a result of this action by peace-loving people when led and directed by capable and trustworthy Officers, I recommend that this be given great publicity by press, radio and by Presidential proclamation, that the people be told to trust the reorganized Army and Police and to look to them as their protectors and, in no case, to give food or shelter to rebels or raiders.

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The people should be told to make prompt report of any enemy in their  
midst and to resist intruders whenever possible.

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