

1949. 11. 29. 주한미군사고문단장 로버츠 준장이 신성모 장관에게 보내는 서한

UNITED STATES MILITARY ADVISORY GROUP TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
Office of the Chief
APO 404

c/o Postmaster
San Francisco Calif
29 November 1949

Sir:

Captain Fishgrund of this office visited Cheju Do on 16, 17, 18 and 19 November and I pass on to you his observations and recommendations.

a. Certain building materials, particularly cement is in short supply for the people to use in rebuilding homes. Suggest you make representation to the proper sources with the view of making it possible for these poor people to construct good homes. The representatives from Cheju Do in the Assembly should properly help them out.

b. The only telephone line around the island is now the police line. It would seem that commercial use should be made of this line, at least while the other lines are restored. This too is a job for representatives of the Island and the Department of Communications.

c. The inhabitants report that the assemblymen from the island visit there very infrequently. Two have returned once since election and one has returned thrice.

d. 300 Sawbuck are in the Police. 200 Sawbuck are in local government. The people have reported that they have enriched themselves. The press is controlled by the Sawbuck.

e. Police report 200 rebels in the hills but they have been inactive lately. 300 rebels are in prison.

f. The First Separate Battalion is in Mospo. The Headquarters is in Cheju Up. This should be changed with Headquarters moving to the locality of the troops. 51 military police are present. This is too many. If present at all they are only to watch over the military, however all but six are in Cheju Up where they have no business and where they interfere with the civilians. They should be, first, cut down to reasonable size (no more than ten for the whole island), second, all should be stationed near the troops in Mospo.

g. Some rebuilding is necessary for the barracks at Mospo.

h. Recommend that frequent visits be made the Island and its garrison by a responsible senior officer from time to time to check conditions of the army and the people.

Accept, sir, the assurance of my continued respect and esteem.

His Excellency,
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