The only existing military agreement, which was signed on August 24, 1948, by President Syngman Rhee and Lt. General Hodge, must be replaced with a new one.

The Republic of Korea desires to assure all democratic nations of the world that the Korean people are determined not to surrender to Communist totalitarianism. They will fight to the end. They will faithfully discharge their duty as the bastion of democracy in the Far East.

▪ 이승만 대통령 서한(1949년 9월 30일)

Excerpts from letter for information to: Ambassador Chough
Ambassador Chang

September 30, 1949

To: Dr. Robert T. Oliver
From: President Syngman Rhee

I received your letters and thank you for them.

I wish I had time to write out from time to time some of my thoughts relating to the changing events both here and in America. So far it has been impossible. I will try however. One thing is that I want to tell you briefly concerning our situation.

I feel strongly that now is the most psychological moment when we should take an aggressive measure and join with our loyal communist army in the north to clean up the rest of them in Pyengyang. We will drive some of Kim Il Sung's men to the mountain region and where we will gradually starve them out. They our line of defense must be strengthened along the Truman and Yalu Rivers. We will be in a 100% better position. The natural boundary line along the river and the Paikdoo Mts can be made almost impenetrable with sufficient number of planes and two or three fast running naval vessels standing at the mouths of the two rivers with fighting planes defending all the coast lines including Cheju Island. What Koreans of old did repeatedly during the last 2,000 years in defending their nation against great invasions of Emporary Tang, Emperor Soo, the Mongols and the Japs. I believe we are ready to repeat the successful defense of our nation against forcing invasions. All the Chinese, Japanese and the Korean communist army in Manchuria and Siberia may do all they want to but we will be able to fight them off. We want to do regardless of what outside nations may do against us. I believe the Soviet Union will not be foolhardy enough to start invasions at the present time. Our people are clamoring for it. Our people in the north want us to let them do it now but we are doing everything we can to quiet them down and it is a mighty difficult task. I want you to express this situation very claarly and convincingly and show a copy to Ambassador Chang and Ambassador Chough. We will all quietly work together, you in Washington and in New York and our two Ambassadors and other friends, and we here in Seoul and Tokyo toward one end: that they agree to our cleaning up and setting out house in order. Use the old phrase that Churchill used onee: "Give us the tools and we will do the job." Convince the American statesmen and the general public and let them quietly agree that we go ahead and carry out our program and give us all the material

backing we need. The longer we drag along the harder it will be. Soviet's cold war is always a winning war. First they give the communist agitators money, weapons and propaganda literature to stir up the people to fight among themselves. Then later they get the communist converts into a gang of terrorists, assassins and robbers by killing, and burning and making the whole human society hell. They do everything to make trouble for others. By so doing the communists are strengthening themselves and spreading wider and digging deeper all the time. The more robbery they commit the more money they get. With the money they carry on their killing and burning activities. But the nationalist every where have no one to count on for help.

They have to use every means of their own to defend themselves and these sort of things continue yearin yearout. They cannot keep fighting. They are forced sooner or later to give in and that is what happened in China and everywhere else. What the Americans are doing now in the so-called war is a losing battle and if we continue in thisloaing battle by sitting still and warding off these gangsters nohuman flesh and nerve can hold on very long. When the Koreans are willing to get up and clean them up once and for all it is the most psychological moment to do it now. I am sure we can settle this question within a reasonable short time if we are only allowed to do it.

Please put this whole story in a very convincing statement and quietly approach some influential people here and there and let us get their support. If you could get this story into President Truman's ear I think it will have some desired effect.