

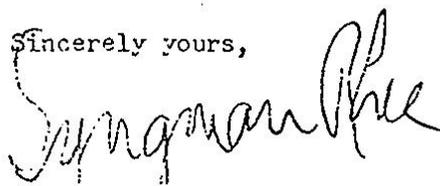
as for support of our troops in repelling attacks.

These are our most urgent needs, and we do not seem to be able to secure them. The urgency of the problem that confronts us does not seem to be fully understood, despite what is happening right now in China. There still seems to be some lingering feeling in some American official circles that it is not the Communists who are aggressors, but that it may be the democratic forces that somehow are guilty of inviting attacks. I think, General MacArthur, that you are close enough to our situation to understand the real danger that confronts us, and the pressing need of securing additional armaments while yet there is time. If the United States does not feel that it can grant us the needed weapons as part of the world-wide democratic alliance against further Communist aggression, we should like to purchase them with our own money. But whatever the means to be used, there should be no disastrous delay. We are fighting for our lives, as well as to hold back the Communist advance upon our friends in the rest of the free world, and we need the necessary weapons to give us a fighting chance for success and to keep up the morale of the democratic camp.

We will try to invite Admiral Kaufman to visit our naval base in Chinhae Bay and an outstanding official of the U.S. Air Corps now retired to come and help build up our air defense. It will be also highly important for us to have an army officer who has deep interest in strengthening our national military force. Please advise and help us in this confidentially. We deem it very urgent.

With every assurance of my continued highest and warmest esteem.

Sincerely yours,



• 유엔한국위원단 공보 제16호(1949. 5. 23)

THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 287

American Embassy,

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Seoul, Korea, May 23, 1949.

Subject: Transmittal of UNCOK Press Release No. 16

The American Embassy refers to its telegram No. 584 dated May 21, 1949 and has the honor to transmit for the Department's information copies of UNCOK press release No. 16 dated May 17, 1949 which is self-explanatory.

Enclosure: *ATT*

✓ UNCOK Press Release
No. 16

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy, Seoul,
May 23, 1949.

No. 290

SECRET

SUBJECT: Transmitting Copies of Review By Vice Consul Mark
of Developments in Korea Following Liberation

The Ambassador has the honor to enclose for the Department's background information copies of a review prepared by Vice Consul David E. Mark on developments in Korea following its liberation from Japan.

Mr. Mark has written a most commendable and valuable survey of developments in Korea following liberation. It is therefore suggested that the Department may care to study Mr. Mark's paper carefully.

The Ambassador desires to point out, in this general connection, that the observations, views and interpretations found in Mr. Mark's review are his own and do not necessarily reflect those held by the Mission.

Enclosure: *ATT*

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Enclosure No. 1 to Despatch No. 290, May 23, 1949 American Embassy, Seoul.

XII - POST ELECTION DEVELOPMENTS

The new Government has had a series of crises during its infancy. The most serious of these have arisen from several defections in the Korean Constabulary (Army) by Communist elements which have resulted in