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TO: Secretary of State  
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Following is translation of address to be delivered  
by President Rhee tomorrow on first anniversary of  
Inauguration of Korean Government.

"The first anniversary of the proclamation of the  
Republic of Korea marks the fourth anniversary of our  
liberation. Both the security and the stability of our  
nation have steadily improved during the first critical  
year despite the difficulties that have beset us.

"A year ago, many among our friends, as well as our  
critics, were unconvinced that after a generation of  
foreign rule, we Koreans would have the skill and ex-  
perience to govern ourselves. Few expected that we  
should be able at once to start making headway against  
economic and military problems as serious as those  
existing anywhere in the world. As our first year of  
restored independence ends, the record speaks for itself.

National Security.

"When the Government of the Republic of Korea was in-  
augurated, Cheju Island, with its 300,000 population,  
was largely in the hands of brutal Communist terrorists.  
The election of May 10, could be held in only 1 of the  
island's 3 districts. By last spring, however, the  
Communist forces had been eliminated and the election  
was held peacefully.

"Communists who had been allowed in the name of  
democratic process to infiltrate into our armed services  
before the Government was in our hands, have been largely  
weeded out. A rebellion instigated by these Communist

elements in the army at Yosu and Suncheon last October was promptly put down. Rebels who fled into the Chiri mountains were captured and their attempts to inflame the people against the government failed.

"Repeated Communist attacks across the 38th parallel have all been steadily and substantially increased in size and improved in quality. In the test of difficult mountain fighting on Cheju Island, in the Chiri mountains, on the Ongjin Peninsula, and all along the 38th parallel, the high morale and tenacious fighting ability of our troops have repeatedly been proved. The seamanship and courage of our Coast Guard have thrown a thin but determined shield around our long coastline. Police cooperating with local officers and general public have demonstrated their high sense of loyalty and responsibility.

"Following the withdrawal of the last American troops, my statement of last April that the Republic of Korea would be fully capable of maintaining internal security--except in the case of a full-scale attack from outside--has been fully substantiated by the event.

"In the homes and villages, in the cities and country districts of Southern Korea, our people have remained loyal and steadfast, despite the propaganda, threats and murderous attacks by our Communist foe.

"Bolstered by the same love of freedom and independence that kept us a liberty-seeking nation under forty years of Japanese rule and which kept us determined for self-rule during three years of division and occupation, the people of Korea have not faltered during this difficult first year of the Republic.

~~"We have met the difficult first year of the Republic.~~  
We have met the challenge of establishing a new government of our own under men and women unused to the technical administrative processes of large-scale democratic operations. We have woven together the long traditions of our 4000-year old history and the new formulations of modern democratic theory into a solid fabric of successful government. And we have done it while under a threat as great as that faced by any people anywhere in the world.

Above address is for release at 10 a.m. August 15, Seoul time.

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