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Dear Dr. Harris:

It is good to have your thoughtful letter of May fifth. I know how deep is your interest in Korea and how earnest are the convictions which prompt you to write as you do.

I am glad to assure you that I shall give very careful consideration to the suggestion which you make.

Very sincerely yours,

(Sgd) HARRY S. TRUMAN

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The President,

The White House.



Dear Mr. President:

For many years I have been intensely interested in Korea. There is no cause to which I have given myself with more enthusiasm and conviction. I have thought of it as a privilege, even before World War No. 2 began, to be an active member of the Korean Council, which has in its membership some of our outstanding citizens.

Dr. Syngman Rhee, who is really recognized here in America as the head of the Korean Government in exile, has given his life to the Korean cause. He is still a valiant soldier for Korean independence.

It seemed to be a great day for Korea and the culmination of all that we had dreamed and hoped when, at the Cairo Conference, the definite announcement was made to the world that in the peace Korea would be free. Lately, disturbing reports have been circulated as to Russia's ultimate designs on Korea. For Russia to rob Korea of her real independence by the setting up of any sort of a puppet government would be a callous betrayal of the holy cause for which our boys are dying- for which my own son-in-law gave up his life last October in Holland.

Some of us are bitterly disappointed because Korea, who has fulfilled all the requirements, is not represented at the San Francisco Conference. Her delegates, headed by Dr. Rhee, are there, ready to take their seats if justice is

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done in the matter of the Korean urgent request to be admitted.

For the Argentina delegation to be seated and Korea to be excluded, with her white record contrasted to the black record of Argentina, is a travesty.

I understand that Dr. T. V. Soong, the Chinese Foreign Minister, is to be in Washington this week-end for a conference with you. Nothing but a matter of the highest import would cause me to intrude any suggestion of mine in the crucial questions which hourly confront you. However, it has been brought directly to my attention that Mr. Stettinius and our Delegation at San Francisco make no reply, one way or the other, to the continual just importunity of the Koreans there that they be recognized. I believe just a word from you to Dr. Soong, that you believe in Korea's cause and also that her claim to be seated at San Francisco ought to be recognized, will go far in having our Delegation report favorably. Certainly, it seems America can do no less for this nation of over twenty million which was among the first victims of Japanese aggression.

I hope with all my heart, Mr. President, that you will say that word to Dr. Soong.

With warmest personal regards, I am,

Yours ever,

*Frederick Brown Harris*

