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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Memorandum of Conversation

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DATE: January 28, 1950

SUBJECT:

Korea



PARTICIPANTS:

The Secretary

Dr. John Hyun Chang, Korean Ambassador

Mr. John Z. Williams (NA)

COPIES TO:

Mr. John J. Muccio, American Ambassador

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Dr. Chang called at his request and was received by the Secretary at 4:35 p.m.

The Ambassador expressed the appreciation of President Rhee and the National Assembly for the Secretary's remarks regarding Korea at the Press Club and the Secretary's letter of January 20 to President Truman. He also conveyed to the Secretary the hope of the Korean people that Congress would rectify the recent House action on Korean aid and enact legislation soon to continue the ECA Korean program.

The Secretary thanked the Ambassador, assured him that the Administration appreciated the adverse impact on Korea of the House action, and said that the President and Congressional leaders were determined to seek speedy and favorable reconsideration. The Secretary also handed Dr. Chang a note which responded, in terms similar to his oral assurances, to the Ambassador's note transmitting the appeal of the Korean National Assembly for House reconsideration of Korean aid legislation.

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