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Respectfully referred to the Secretary of State.

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KOREA IS INTERNATIONALLY PROMISED TO BECOME FREE AND INDEPENDENT
BY CAIRO AND POTSDAM DECLARATIONS BUT AS KOREA IS DIVIDED INTO SOUTH
AND NORTH EACH GOVERNED BY DIFFERENT MILITARY AUTHORITIES OF THE
UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET THE KOREAN PEOPLE IS SUFFERING FROM
INDESCRIBABLE UNEASINESS AND
INCONVENIENCE CAUSED BY THE LACK OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND ECONOMIC UNITY
STOP EIGHT MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THE US-SOVIEI JOINT
COMMISSION FORMED BY THE MOSCOW DECISION WAS ADJOURNED BY THE
SOVIETS CLAIM TO EXCLUDE THOSE OPPOSED TO THE TRUSTEESHIP FROM A
KOREAN INTERIM GOVERNMENT BUT IT IS NOT YET REOPENED
STOP THE PRESENT SITUATION PREVAILING IN KOREA WHEN LEFT ALONE AS
IT IS WILL PUT THE PEOPLE IN UNBEARABLE DIFFICULTIES AND AS A RESULT
THEIR COMPLAINTS AND DISSATISFACTION WILL BURST STOP
IT IS OUR SINCERE WISH THAT THE YALTA AGREEMENT
STIPULATING THE 38TH PARALLEL SHOULD BE ABROGATED AND THE
TRUSTEESHIP
The Moscow Decision should be cancelled and thereby a new measure should be adopted and practised for Korean Independence.

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