MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY ROSS

December 4, 1946

Dear Charles:

I believe you will be interested in the attached memorandum from the Department of State.

Memo 12-5-46

Mr. Ross relayed information to Wall to apprise today.
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CONNELLY:

Referring to the attached file which you handed me yesterday in your office, the Department feels that it would not be desirable for the President to receive the scroll from Syngman Rhee, former President of the Provisional Korean Government, since Mr. Rhee has no official position in Korea and is in all probability using this method of building himself up.

Stanley Woodward
Chief of Protocol

Attachment: File
Mr. Woodward:

Reference is made to the attached memorandum from the White House concerning the desire of Mr. Richard Johnston to present the President with a scroll from Syngman Rhee, former President of the Provisional Korean Government.

I spoke to Mr. John Williams, who has charge of the Korean desk in the Department, who stated that he would strongly advise that the President not receive the scroll since Syngman Rhee has no official position in Korea and is in all probability using this method of building himself up.

R. L. Halsall

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1946

Respectfully referred to
Secretary Matthew J. Connally.

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Charles G. Ross:

Richard Johnston, Far Eastern correspondent for the New York Times, has just returned from Korea, and he brings with him an historic Korean scroll, especially inscribed to the President from Syngman Rhee, former president of the provisional Korean Government.

Johnston is now in New York City, on leave temporarily, and he would appreciate an opportunity to present this scroll to the President. There is no particular hurry for an appointment, if one can be arranged.

Walter Waggons
New York Times