January 3, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Proposed Appointment of Mr. Chang Myun as Special Representative of the Government of the Republic of Korea to the United States

The Department is in receipt of a communication from the American Mission in Seoul inquiring on behalf of the President of Korea whether the appointment of Mr. Chang Myun as Special Representative of the President of Korea to the United States, replacing Dr. Chough Hyoong Ok, would be satisfactory to this Government.

Mr. Chang was born on August 28, 1899 in Seoul. He graduated from the Suwon Agricultural School, 1917, and the School of Literature of New York University, 1925. He taught in Korea and in 1946 was appointed to the Representative Democratic Council and appointed a member of the Korean Interim Legislative Assembly. In 1947 he was a member of the Diplomatic Sub-Committee of the Korean National Representatives, a member of the National Election Committee and he was elected a member of the National Assembly. He was appointed head of the Korean Mission to the United Nations General Assembly, Third Session in Paris in June 1948. He is married and speaks English.

I believe the appointment of Mr. Chang as Special Representative of Korea to the United States would be satisfactory and, if you concur in this opinion, I shall be pleased to inform the American Representative in Korea that your views may be communicated to the Korean Government.

"Approved

HARRY S. TRUMAN"

(Jan. 8, 1940)

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