

SOUTH KOREAN INTERIM GOVERNMENT  
Seoul, Korea



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SUBJECT: Report on Activities during TDY in Washington

FROM : E. A. J. Johnson

TO : General Helmick,  
Hq., USAMGIK,  
APO 235, Unit 2

1. There are attached six (6) weekly reports which detail my activities during a tour of duty in Washington from 6 April to 17 May.

2. Altogether I arranged for seventy-two (72) conferences and in these conferences solicited the opinions and views of eighty-four staff officers of the Departments of Army and State. The names of all persons consulted are noted in Part I of the several reports.

3. Major attention was centered on the following tasks:

- ✓ a. Preparation of a co-ordinated policy paper to govern the transfer of responsibility to the new Korean Government.
- ✓ b. Working out ways and means for facilitating trade between Korea and Japan.
- ✓ c. Expediting the procurement of necessary supplies for Korea.
- ✓ d. Hastening the recruitment of the faculty of the Teacher Training Institute.
- e. Resolving the problems of transferring DAC's to the State Department Mission.
- ✓ f. Relieving the currency famine in Korea.
- ✓ g. Checking on post-transfer Enabling Legislation.
- h. Defending the Rehabilitation Budget.
- ✓ i. Finding a solution for the FLC problem.
- ✓ j. Alleviating the power shortage in Korea.
- k. Working out a plan whereby military supplies can be turned over to new Korean Government without payment.

BASIC: Memo, SKIG, from Dr. Johnson to Gen. Helmick, subj: Report  
on Activities during TDY in Washington, dtd 25 May 1948

4. From both DA and State I received willing and generous  
co-operation, and I am deeply grateful for all the assistance and for  
the many courtesies extended to me.



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to Government of Korea

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1. Report No. 1, 31 March to 9 April
2. Report No. 2, 9 April to 16 April
3. Report No. 3, 16 April to 23 April
4. Report No. 4, 26 April to 1 May
5. Report No. 5, 3 May to 7 May
6. Report No. 6, 10 May to 20 May

Tokyo, Japan