

weekend and make their calls on Tuesday morning. I am attaching three Notes on the conversations which they had here.

- (a) Conversation with Mr. Johnson and Mr. Menzies.
- (b) Conversation with officials of the Department of Trade and Commerce.
- (c) Interview with the Acting Prime Minister.

In their conversation with Mr. Johnson and Mr. Menzies they asked for Canadian Government recognition of the new Government of the "Republic of Korea" in Seoul as the National Government of Korea. They were informed that the Canadian Government had withheld any action on the question of recognition until the report of the Korean Commission had been submitted to the General Assembly and until there was evidence that full governmental powers had been transferred by United States authorities in South Korea. It was unlikely that the Government would be able to see its way clear to recognizing this Government as the National Government of Korea in any case. They were counselled to confer informally with all sympathetic national delegations at Paris to determine the maximum support they could expect to obtain. It would be unfortunate if a resolution were introduced in the General Assembly which was so strong in nature that many friendly delegations would consider it wise to abstain. They were assured of Canadian sympathy, friendship and support within the limits of prudence.

We are of course informing the Canadian delegation to the General Assembly, Dr. [G.S.] Patterson in New York and the Embassy in Washington about the visit of this Korean Mission.

Dr. Chough, the Head of the Delegation, left a personal letter addressed to you.† A proposed reply is attached for your consideration.†

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Note de la Direction de l'Amérique et l'Extrême-Orient
Memorandum by American and Far Eastern Division

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REPORT ON CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
 TRADE AND COMMERCE AND MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH KOREAN MISSION

On Tuesday morning, October 12, Mr. G.R. Heasman, Director of the Trade Commissioner Service of the Department of Trade and Commerce, received in his office members of the South Korean Mission. Mr. G.A. Newman of the Export Division and Mr. G.S. Hall of the Asia Desk, were the other officials of the Department of Trade and Commerce present.

2. Dr. Chough, Head of the Mission, began the discussion with a tribute to Canada's part in the successful outcome of the recent war, one of the results of which was to free Korea from Japanese domination. He then asked Mr. [Woo-pyung] Kim, his Economic Advisor, to speak concerning the economic situation in Korea.