

preferably with you and the Acting Prime Minister. The State Department has endorsed Dr. Chough.

Three reasons occur to me for your agreeing to see members of this Mission:

A. It would give evidence that Canada is a genuine, if perhaps somewhat cautious, supporter of Korean aspirations for independence. Refusal to receive the Mission would probably be taken by the Koreans to confirm the suspicions of Canadian policy which some newspapermen have spread.

B. We might learn something of what the Koreans are going to ask the General Assembly to do for them. So far we have not been able to learn anything from the State Department concerning the terms of the resolution they will introduce. By October 6 United States-Korean plans should be coordinated. We need not give any specific commitments on the attitude our delegation will adopt.

C. We may be able to give the Koreans a little friendly advice to be moderate in their claims and requests. For instance, if these South Korean delegates claim to represent the Government of all Korea — a national government — they will be inviting a rebuff. However, if they claim to represent the only Government in Korea with a right to be heard by the General Assembly because it has complied with the General Assembly Resolutions of November 14, 1947, then they will be on much safer ground. The Koreans might also be well advised to canvass delegations informally in advance to secure as wide a measure of support for their resolutions as possible.

The Korean Mission would appreciate, if at all possible, some indication by Thursday, September 30, when they leave for New York, as to whether this visit could be arranged.

Would you let me know if you can see Dr. Chough on October 6 and, if so, whether you think a small luncheon should be arranged for the four members of the Mission?

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pour le secrétaire d'État par intérim aux Affaires extérieures*

*Memorandum from Acting Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs*

[Ottawa], October 15, 1948

VISIT OF KOREAN MISSION TO OTTAWA

The Korean Mission finally arrived in Ottawa at a quarter to two on Saturday afternoon. As soon as they had been assigned their rooms at the Cnateau Laurier they were hurried to the luncheon which was attended by a number of the senior interested members of the Department. Rather than talk to Mr. Johnson and Mr. [A.R.] Menzies on Saturday afternoon they decided they would stay over the long