

to the Ambassador that the Canadian Government might be interested in the purchase of antimony provided the price was satisfactory, and that we would be prepared to consider this early in the New Year, but that it would be preferable to keep the purchase on a commercial basis. He feared that the Chinese Government might have been led to believe that payment in commodities would be acceptable, but he would endeavour to correct any such misunderstanding. He thought that, owing to disorganization in China, there might be a slight delay in transmitting the payment.

4. Thirdly, the Ambassador desired to know what other arrangement might be made to permit the Chinese to make use before 31 December of the 8.3 million dollar unexpended balance of the credit. He recognized that this balance was reserved for the purchase of military supplies surplus to Canadian requirements, but there was a dearth of such items desired by the Chinese. Reid pointed out that any change in the arrangements for making use of the credit required a decision by Cabinet, that the Ministers concerned were out of town until after the end of the year, and that consequently it would not be possible to do anything in this regard.

5. I should be grateful if you would convey to the Chinese Government an explanation of our position in this matter, and point out that, under the circumstances, we expect a settlement in cash. Although this point was not made to the Ambassador, it might be pointed out to the Chinese Government, without in any way holding out any hope for fresh credit, that failure to meet this obligation would very seriously prejudice any possibility of obtaining future assistance.

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pour le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

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

Ottawa, September 29, 1948

VISIT OF KOREAN MISSION TO OTTAWA

WA-2575 of September 28† from Washington reports that Dr. [Pyung-ok] Chough, Special Representative of the President of the Republic of Korea, would like to visit Ottawa on October 6 en route to Paris to discuss the Korean question,

⁹ Pour un rapport sur la discussion de la question coréenne aux Nations Unies, voir documents 92-140.
For the discussion about Korea at the United Nations, see Documents 92-140.