

reply which you would address to the Foreign Minister.²⁷ Your letter to the Foreign Minister, which is also attached for signature,† might be handed to the Korean Ambassador to the United States by Mr. Wrong. Copies of the exchange of correspondence would be referred to the Governor General. I think we might inform the Delegation in New York of the action taken, saying that this would obviate the necessity for Dr. Chough visiting Ottawa. Following the Philippine precedent, I think we might agree to United States Consular officers in Canada performing essential citizenship and passport services for Korean nationals here.

13. You indicated today that if Dr. Chough comes to Ottawa you will be unable to see him and asked me to do so on your behalf. If we could inform him in the sense recommended it would be helpful.

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INTERVIEW OF DR. P.Y. CHOUGH WITH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

Dr. P.Y. Chough, Personal Representative of the President of the Korean Republic, called upon Mr. Pearson at 12 noon on August 4. Mr. P.G.R. Campbell was present during the interview.

The Korean Representative conveyed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs the greeting of the President of Korea to the Canadian Government, stating that Korea is appreciative of the support which it has received from Canada in the United Nations and is grateful for the recognition of its government by Canada.

Mr. Pearson replied that Canada entertains very friendly feelings towards Korea as a member of the comity of democratic states and added that close relations between Canada and Korea would be to the advantage of both countries.

Dr. Chough urged that diplomatic or consular missions should be exchanged. He stressed the importance to Korea, as a democratic outpost threatened by the upsurge of Communism in adjacent countries, of having official ties with the democratic powers. Mr. Pearson said that he sympathized with the point of view expressed by Dr. Chough, but the strain of the rapid expansion of our foreign service and the number of our present commitments rendered it unlikely that we should be in a position to consider establishing a diplomatic mission in Korea at this time. He told the Korean representative that the matter of consular relations would be taken under consideration.

²⁷ Note marginale:/Marginal note:

Don't issue any press release. But this can be used later if we have to give publicity to this matter LB P[earson]