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Honorable H. Alexander Smith



Dear Alex:

I want to let you know that I have now read the article you mentioned in your letter of 3 June. Needless to say, my people here also found your letter most interesting and are closely following the developments in Korea during this critical period. Of the many factors involved, it seems to me that the economic conditions in Korea need immediate attention and certainly warrant our full cooperation at this time.

Insofar as the news article you invited to my attention is concerned, it is something less than accurate. For your information, we were well aware of the Korean coup planning and of the officers involved long before the actual coup took place.

Again, many thanks for your thoughtfulness and with warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

P.S. Also, many thanks for your letter on my appointment as Trustee of Princeton. I feel this is a high honor and opportunity.

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Honorable H. Alexander Smith



Dear Alex:

Many thanks for the information contained in your letter of 3 June which you were so thoughtful to bring to my attention.

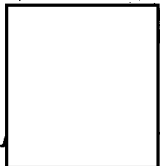
I have read it with interest and have passed the information on to some of my people here who, I am sure, will also find it interesting.

With warm regards,


Sincerely,

(Signed) ALLEN W. DULLES

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Director of Central Intelligence

**VIA:** Deputy Director (Plans) *SPMB*

**SUBJECT:** Letter to Honorable H. Alexander Smith Concerning the Korean Coup

1. This memorandum transmits a letter for the Director's signature to the Honorable H. Alexander Smith.

2. Attached for your perusal is the Korean Republic article referred to in Mr. Smith's letter of 3 June 1961. Attached to the letter to Mr. Smith is an additional article which clears the air a bit as far as the prior knowledge of the U. S. of the coup is concerned.

[Redacted Signature Box]

Chief, Far East Division

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1. Ltr for DCI's signature to Honorable Smith
2. Korea Republic article of 25 May 1961
3. DCI's ltr of 10 June to Hon. Smith w/basic

cc: DDCI