November 5, 1954

Dear Philip:

I am very much concerned about the letter the President proposes to send to PE. You know it is unlikely he would read a three page letter and I am sure he wouldn't read a letter of ten pages dealing with so many different subjects.

First of all, to my mind, the problems of the exchange rate could be simplified by saying that America pegged the currency of Germany, Japan, Formosa, etc., and unless they do the same for Korea it will never become stabilized. Such, or a similar short-cut in regard to the exchange rate discussions would serve the purpose better than a long drawn-out explanation.

Unless the proposed letter is organized and condensed in such a way that PE will read and comprehend the situation, I doubt that it should be sent. I have no way of making the President understand, but I am sure if you or Ambassador Yang will explain the possible reaction of PE he will reconsider. However urgently the matter needs to be settled, I do not believe a delay of one or two weeks will matter too much. I wish you would not say this to anybody, but we must do all we can to avoid doing anything that might cause an impasse at the highest level.

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