My dear Mr. President:

This acknowledges your letter of August 12 with reference to Ambassador Fairley's mission to Korea. I assure you that the Navy will proffer any assistance at its disposal to the State and War Departments in carrying out the program as defined by your letter to him. Parenthetically, I may say I share his views most strongly as to the desirability of clarifying the issues in the Far East in the minds of the American public.

Respectfully yours,

James Forrestal

The President,
The White House.
August 19, 1945

Respectfully referred for the information of Honorable Edwin W. Pauley.

W. C. LATTA
Executive Clerk

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