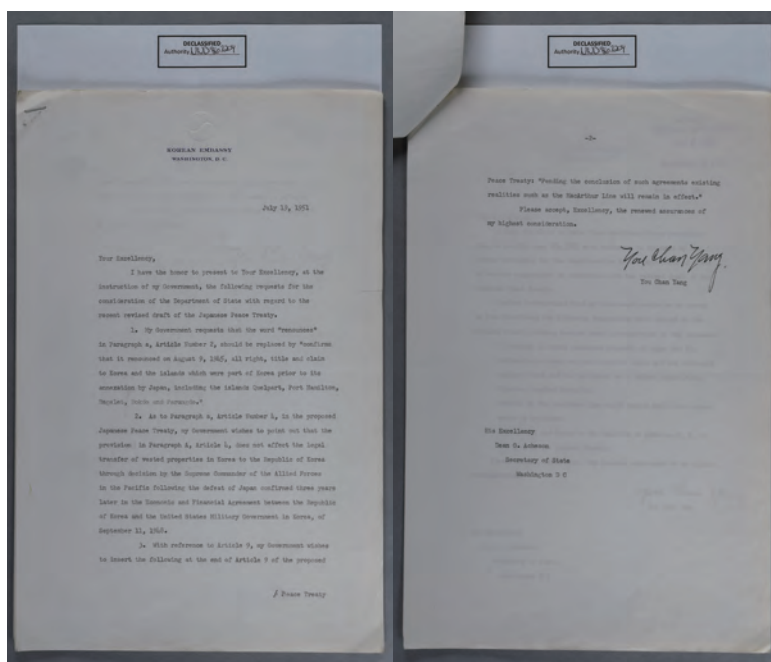


Period III (2)–iii. The Republic of Korea's request for amendment to the draft peace treaty with Japan, and the United States' response
The Republic of Korea requested amendments to the draft treaty, including reference of Takeshima as the Republic of Korea's territory, and the insertion of a provision to maintain the MacArthur Line
No.42 Letter from the Republic of Korea ambassador to the U.S. You Chan Yang to U.S. Secretary of State Acheson July 19, 1951

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Overview

A letter from Ambassador Yang, the Republic of Korean ambassador to the U.S. to U.S. Secretary of State Acheson (dated July 19, 1951). This letter was issued in accordance with instructions by the government of the Republic of Korea to communicate to the U.S. Secretary of State its request for amendments to three points in the draft peace treaty with Japan, including ownership of Takeshima.

The following is what the Republic of Korea argued with respect to its request to amend Article 2(a) of the draft treaty:

- To add Dokdo and Parangdo to the islands of Quelpart, Port Hamilton, and Dagelet that are included as a part of the Republic of Korea.
- These islands had been a part of Korea from before the Japan's annexation of Korea.
- Japan renounced all right, title, and claim to Korea, including these islands, on August 9, 1945.

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Excerpt

I have the honor to present to Your Excellency, at the instruction of my Government, the following requests for the consideration of the Department of State with regard to the recent revised draft of the Japanese Peace Treaty.

1. My Government requests that the word "renounces" in Paragraph a, Article Number 2, should be replaced by "confirms that it renounced on August 9, 1945, all right, title and claim to Korea and the islands which were part of Korea prior to its annexation by Japan, including the islands Quelpart, Port Hamilton, Dagelet, Dokdo and Parangdo."

2. As to Paragraph a, Article Number 4, in the proposed Japanese Peace Treaty, my Government wishes to point out that the provision in Paragraph A, Article 4, does not affect the legal transfer of vested properties in Korea to the Republic of Korea through decision by the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in the Pacific ...

3. With reference to Article 9, my Government wishes to insert the following at the end of Article 9 of the proposed Peace Treaty: "Pending the conclusion of such agreements existing realities such as the MacArthur Line will remain in effect."