

2 October, 1908.

Mr. Syngman Rhee,
203 West 36th. Street,
New York City.

My dear Sir:

I have read your letter very carefully and can answer your questions definitely.

1 - In view of your record of one year's graduate work at Harvard and your other attainments, you may be enrolled here as a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, giving half your time for two years to graduate work in Princeton University, - doing the other half of your work in Princeton Theological Seminary.

2 - I believe you can secure the degree in this way from Princeton at the end of two years' time.

3 - In your case the preliminary examination will not be required. Your English and French will be counted as your two foreign languages.

We shall be glad to see you here, in case you desire to come.

Very sincerely yours,

Harvard University

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

OFFICE, 10 UNIVERSITY HALL

GEORGE W. ROBINSON, *Secretary*

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,

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February 4, 1909



My dear Sir:

I am requested by Mr. Syngnan Rhee to write a statement in regard to his work in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences of Harvard University for the year 1907-08. Mr. Rhee's record is as follows:

1907-08

American History to 1789. 3 hours a week. Professor Channing. Grade B.

History of Continental Europe from the Peace of Utrecht to the Fall of Napoleon I. 3 hours a week first half-year. Professor Macvane. Grade B-.

History of Continental Europe since the Fall of Napoleon I. 3 hours a week second half-year. Professor Macvane. Grade B-.

Studies in the Expansion of Europe since 1815. 2 or 3 hours a week second half-year. Assistant Professor Coolidge. Grade C.

American Diplomacy. 3 hours a week second half-year. Professor A. B. Hart. Grade B.

International Law. (Advanced course.) 2 hours a week. Professor G. G. Wilson. Grade B.

European Industry and Commerce in the Nineteenth Century. 2 or 3 hours a week first half-year. Professor Gay. Grade D.

Mr. Rhee showed intelligence in the preparation of theses where he could take his time. In examinations he did less well. He was a candidate for the degree of Master of Arts, but his record was not sufficiently high to merit the degree; though the deficiency was not a great one.

I shall be glad to answer, so far as I can, any inquiries in regard to the work of Mr. Rhee at this University.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George W. Robinson".

Dean Andrew F. West

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May 31, 1909.

Syngman Rhee,
111 H S,
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Mr. Rhee:

I take pleasure in enclosing a letter to me from Professor Erdman in regard to your room in the Seminary for next year. Please see Professor Erdman as soon as possible and get the matter settled.

I have made inquiry in regard to the question of your being able to get a degree at the expiration of another academic year. It does not seem probable that you will be able to obtain the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in one year more. Probably two years would ~~certainly~~ be necessary. But you ought to have no trouble in obtaining our degree of Master of Arts on examination at the close of another year, - possibly at the close of another term. Your instructors all speak well of the work you have done, and their only regret is that you are necessarily absent at times from your work here. We fully realize that you have had to be absent in order to assist in supporting yourself.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Montreal, Tenn.

June 25, 09

Dear A. S. Math.

Princeton, N.J.

My dear Dear Math; Your letter regarding Rhee was received upon my arrival last night. He seems to have given you a fair account of our conversation. I told him I thought it extremely difficult for him to take his degree next year - and doubtful. He has not done as much work for me in the past year as the average undergraduate - McGee tells me he knows little or no American history. If he were prepared in

his minors and had a reasonable start in his
major he might write an acceptable thesis
by April 1, 1910 - but I don't believe he can
write the thesis and prepare for the examination
and upon that basis I was not prepared to
encourage him.

Trusting that this will make clear my views
and that you may have a pleasant summer,

Yours,
Very sincerely yours,
Edward G. Elliott.

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October 27, 1909.

Professor Herbert Weir Smyth,
Dean of the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences,
10 University Hall, Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Smyth:

We have on our rolls ~~as~~ a graduate student from Korea named Syngman Rhee, who has done and is doing satisfactory work here. He was a student in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences of Harvard University and during this last summer took work in your summer school, completing his work for the degree of Master of Arts, as the papers he presented me indicate. He desires to know, and we desire to know whether ~~there is~~ any technicality or reason of any sort ^{now remain} to interfere with his use of his M.A. degree from Harvard. He is a stranger in a strange land and unfamiliar with western customs, as well as very scrupulous. So far as I know everything in his record is perfectly clear at Harvard as shown by official papers. The only point remains is that he has not yet actually received the M.A. diploma.

With kind remembrances,

Ever yours,

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

24 UNIVERSITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

29 October 1909.

Dear Professor West:-

Replying to your letter of October 27th addressed to Professor Smyth, let me say that Mr. Syngman Rhee has completed the requirements for the degree of Master of Arts in Harvard University. Inasmuch as the last part of his work was done this summer, he cannot receive the degree until the next conferring of degrees, which is in March. Meanwhile we shall be glad to certify to any one that Mr. Rhee has completed the requirements for our M. A., but I do not see how he can with propriety use the degree until it has actually been conferred. If he were a student here he would not be entered as an M. A. in our catalogue, which goes to press in December.

Sincerely yours,

Charles F. Hastings

Professor Andrew F. West.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE
DEAN OF THE COLLEGE

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

April 14, 1910.

My dear Dean West:

I regret to say that the report upon Mr. Rhee's thesis is unfavorable. The majority of those who have examined it are unwilling to recommend its acceptance in its present form. There is some doubt whether Mr. Rhee will be able to revise the thesis sufficiently to secure its acceptance. I am to have another conference with him next Monday, and I hope to be able to give him a final answer on that question.

Very truly yours,

Edward Elliott

To
Dean Andrew F. West,
Princeton University,
Princeton, N. J.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE
DEAN OF THE COLLEGE

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

May 24, 1910.

My dear Dean West:

I am happy to be able to inform you that Mr. Rhee's thesis has been accepted on condition that the last part be put into as good condition as the first, which I am sure Mr. Rhee will do as soon as he returns.

Very sincerely yours,

Edward Elliott

Dean.

To
Dean Andrew F. West,
Princeton University,
Princeton, N. J.

PRINCETON, June 3, 1910

TO THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY.

GENTLEMEN:

The public oral examination of Mr. Syngman Rhee

For the degree of Doctor of Philosophy was held on Friday June 3rd at 2:30 P.M. in the Classical Seminary

The Thesis, entitled Neutrality as Influenced by the United States, was reported as accepted.

The candidate was examined in his ~~Chief~~ Subject Politics

by Dean Edward Elliott

in History

by Professor R. M. McEroy

and in Philosophy

by Professor A. T. Armond

The examiners recommend to the University Faculty that the degree of Doctor of Philosophy be conferred on Mr. Syngman Rhee

Andrew A. West

Dean of the Graduate School.

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June 27, 1910.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Syngman Rhee received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy Commencement Day, June 14th., 1910, and expects to return to Korea in September or October. His thesis is entitled "Neutrality as Influenced by the United States". The publication of this thesis must be arranged for by Mr. Rhee within a reasonable time - say within one year, or by October first 1911 at latest. By this I mean that the thesis must be printed and published by that time. Mr. Rhee agrees to this. He must leave his manuscript, duly revised and corrected, in charge of Dean Elliott, before leaving for Korea.

Andrew F. West

Dean of the Graduate School.

*copy of this furnished
Mr. Rhee
Dean Elliott*

July 8, 1949

Dear Mr. Oliver:

Since Dr. Rhee was here such a very long time ago, it is most difficult for us to piece together a formal transcript of his record, but I am glad to enclose, free of charge, our best attempt on it.

International Law and Diplomacy

A study of cases, with particular reference to the diplomatic history of the United States and the part played by the United States in the development of international law. First term, 3 hours a week.

American History to the Fall of the Federalist Party

An account of the discovery of the continent, the growth of colonial institutions, the development of concerted action among the colonies, and the establishment of the federal government. Lectures dealing with selected topics; text-book covering the entire period; and extensive collateral reading. Senior course, first term, 3 hours a week. Prerequisite course: History 22.

History of Philosophy

This course includes, (1) Greek and Roman philosophy to close of pagan schools. (2) Medieval philosophy to fall of scholasticism and beginning of the modern era. Zeller: Outlines; Erdmann; Windelband. Junior course, first term, 3 hours a week. Prerequisite to History of Philosophy of second term, and Epistemology and Metaphysics of Senior year.

American History since the Fall of the Federalist Party

An account of the development and expansion of the United States. Lectures dealing with selected topics; text-book covering the entire period; and extensive collateral reading. Senior course, second term, 3 hours a week. Prerequisite course: History 22.

History of Philosophy

This course includes (1) Modern philosophy from Descartes to Kant, (2) Post-Kantian philosophy. Falckenberg: History of Modern Philosophy. Junior course; second term, 3 hours a week. Prerequisite course: History of Philosophy of first term. Prerequisite to Epistemology and Metaphysics.

I find no description of the other courses, so I cannot help you with them.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Robert T. Oliver, Manager,
Korean Pacific Press,
1620 Eye Street, N.W.,
Washington 6, D.C.

July 8, 1949

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

THIS IS TO CERTIFY That Mr. Syngman Rhee, A.B. George Washington University, 1907, was enrolled as a student in the Graduate School of Princeton University in September 1908. He pursued and successfully completed the following graduate courses:

1908-1909

First Term

International Law and Diplomacy - - - - - Professor Elliott
*American History to the Fall of the
Federalist Party - - - - - Professor McElroy
*History of Philosophy - - - - - Professor Ormond

Second Term

*History of Philosophy - - - - - Professor Ormond
*American History since the Fall of the
of the Federalist Party - - - - - Professor McElroy
International Law and Diplomacy (Special) - Professor Elliott

1909-1910

First Term

American History, 1789-1850 - - - - - Professor McElroy
International Law - - - - - Professor Elliott

Second Term

Working with Dean Elliott on preparation of thesis

Each graduate course occupied three hours weekly for a term.
Graduate courses are not recorded on a basis of grading.

On June 14, 1910 Mr. Rhee was granted the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by the Trustees of Princeton University.

*Undergraduate course.

Dean of the Graduate School

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY ALUMNI RECORDS



1746-1946

Records of Princeton alumni dating back to the founding of the College of New Jersey are on file and are important for reference and as source material for the historians preparing the publications, which will be issued in connection with the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of Princeton University.

To be of the utmost value, the records should be complete and up-to-date. Each alumnus can help with this important undertaking by filling out and returning this blank with his Alumni Trustee ballot in the accompanying business reply envelope, addressed to the Secretary of the Graduate Council.

Do not feel restricted by the specific information requested. Reminiscences of Princeton life by an alumnus or his family are invaluable. In general, any material connected with the history of Princeton University or knowledge of where such material can be copied or studied will be welcome.

THOMAS J. WERTENBAKER
*Edwards Professor of
American History*

*Historian for the
Two Hundredth Anniversary*

THE GRADUATE COUNCIL, 307 NASSAU HALL
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

(Please print or typewrite)

Date June 15th 1940

Name in full Dr. Syngman RHEE Class 410
(Surname) (First) (Middle)

Degrees received at Princeton and years of award: Ph.D. 1910

Degrees received at other institutions and years of award. (Give names of institutions and specify if honorary degrees.)

A.B. from George Washington University 1907
M.A. " Harvard University 1909

If you attended Princeton prior to 1925, indicate the department of instruction in which you were most interested.

American history, International Law, and Philosophy

To what Princeton alumni clubs, alumni associations, alumni departmental organizations, etc., do you belong?

Alumni offices held since leaving Princeton. (Include class, alumni association, Graduate Council, etc.)

Marriage and Family

Maiden name of wife Francesca Dornier Date and place of marriage Oct. 5, 1934, New York City

Names of Children Date and Place of Birth

Relatives who have attended Princeton. (Indicate Relationship.) Class

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Class

Public Service

Please indicate all public offices held giving dates. Include not only governmental service but offices or membership on boards of civic, charitable, church, educational, business, and professional organizations. (Please use extra sheet if necessary.)

First President of the Provisional Gov. of the Republic of Korea. Founder and President of the Korean Christian Institute and of Korean Christian Church in Honolulu. Chairman of Korean Commission in Washington, D.C.

PRINCETON MAILING LISTS

All Princeton alumni mailing lists are maintained by the *Alumni Directory* section of the Graduate Council office.

The address stencils are used for mailing the *Alumni Weekly*, football ticket applications, and by the University, Graduate Council and many class and alumni organizations. *They are never released for non-Princeton purposes.*

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PLEASE GIVE BOTH ADDRESSES IN THE SPACE PROVIDED.

BE SURE TO INDICATE BY (X) THE ADDRESS YOU PREFER TO HAVE USED FOR YOUR PRINCETON MAIL.

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Books

Please give short titles and dates of all books or pamphlets you have written so that the Library can complete its file of books written by Princeton men. (Please use extra sheet if necessary.)

The Spirit of Independence in Korea -
Founder and Editor of the Korean Pacific
Magazine in Honolulu since 1913 -

Contributions to the Arts and Sciences

Please list major contributions and honors and awards in art, architecture, music, engineering, etc.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(Please print or typewrite)

Marriage and Family

Maiden name of wife *Francesca Dornier*

Date and place of marriage

Names of Children

Date a

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OCCUPATIONS

The following are the groups used to classify the more common occupations in which Princeton men have engaged. (Please check your classification.)

- Army
- Accounting and Auditing
- Advertising
- Architecture
- Art
- Authors, Editors and Newspapermen
- Aviation
- Banking
- Brokerage, Bonds
- Building and Construction
- Commercial Enterprises
- Diplomatic and Consular Service
- Education
- Educational Administration
- Engineering
- Farming, Ranching, etc.
- Foreign Missions
- Forestry
- Government Service
- Industrial Enterprises (manufacturing, etc.)
- Insurance
- Investment Counsel
- Law and Judiciary
- Medicine
- Mining
- Ministry
- Music
- Navy
- Oil
- Publishing
- Public Utilities
- Radio
- Real Estate
- Research
- Retired
- Science
- Transportation

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

THE LIBRARY

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. Evert

File of Syngman Rhee, grad. school.

intrigued and bought 2 copies.

cleaned out the stock viz 3 copies which alone have survived at the Press. The book is now 'out of print'.

All the best

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3. Urge each member to devote a certain number of hours each week to recruiting new members and in carrying the fight against communism into other organizations and all segments of the community.
4. Use every possible channel and means in attempting to rescue and re-educate those who have been deceived by communist propaganda. Warn those who are ignorant of the communist peril to stay away from those who have been duped and who are seeking new slaves for the Red totalitarians.
5. Enlist the assistance of editors and publishers, and those engaged in the radio and television industries. If you

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23 KEMPSHALL PLACE
ELIZABETH 3, NEW JERSEY

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Dear Henry:

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Korean Pacific Press

WASHINGTON BUREAU
1620 EYE STREET, NORTHWEST
Washington 6, D. C.

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JUL 5 1949

July 1, 1949

Registrar
Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

I am engaged in writing the biography of Syngman Rhee, President of the Republic of Korea, who received the Ph. D. degree from Princeton in 1910.

Will you please send me a transcript of his record at Princeton, together with whatever records concerning him you may have on file? I shall, of course, remit promptly whatever the cost may be.

If a stenographer in your office could copy from the Princeton Catalogs the descriptions of the courses taken by Dr. Rhee, I shall be glad to pay for the time spent in that task.

Your courteous help in this project of writing the biography of one of Princeton's distinguished alumni will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Robert T. Oliver
Robert T. Oliver
Manager

**COPY SENT FOR
YOUR INFORMATION**

MAR 31 1954

KYUNG MU DAI

February 22, 1954

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I constantly recall with appreciation the inspiring message you so kindly sent, assuring me of your support for our position on the armistice. When so many prominent free world leaders were condemning us for blocking peace efforts by obstructing the armistice, you and many others like you in America and throughout the world provided us with a great source of strength and cheer.

Your message and others demonstrated the spirit of comradeship deeply rooted in the hearts of all liberty-loving men and women. If we can combine this universal spirit in an articulate global movement, what a mighty power it will be! Liberty cannot be defeated when liberty-loving people consciously exert themselves to fight for its defense. We hope to start such a movement in the hope that it will develop into an international anti-communist crusade. A number of East Asian countries and peoples are supporting us, and naturally we want to tell you of our plan in the hope that you, too, may start a similar movement wherever you are. Here are several suggestions:

1. Organize an anti-communist society in your locality and accept as members all those who will pledge themselves to keep their homes, communities and government free of communist infiltration and indoctrination.
2. Get in touch with anti-communist groups and individuals in your own and in other countries, and urge them to start similar societies. Hold regular meetings to discuss plans for making your society more effective in combating communism and then act on the plans.
3. Urge each member to devote a certain number of hours each week to recruiting new members and in carrying the fight against communism into other organizations and all segments of the community.
4. Use every possible channel and means in attempting to rescue and re-educate those who have been deceived by communist propaganda. Warn those who are ignorant of the communist peril to stay away from those who have been duped and who are seeking new slaves for the Red totalitarians.
5. Enlist the assistance of editors and publishers, and those engaged in the radio and television industries. If you

develop an active program that makes news, you can depend upon them to spread word of the crusade far and rapidly.

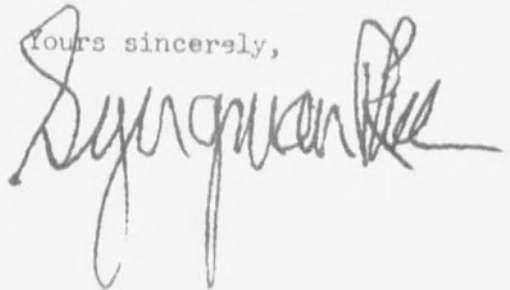
We should, I believe, deal with communism as we would a contagious disease. It is the most dangerous epidemic man has ever known. The only way to combat it effectively is to isolate and confine it and then eventually to eradicate it. One of the most important needs is the broadcasting of warnings to our friends and neighbors, far and near.

Those who have become infected with the Red virus are no longer fellow citizens of yours or mine. They are diseased tools of a worldwide conspiracy and must be exposed and isolated. As you know from your own observations, once they gain control, it is too late.

We are dealing with a vigilant and insidious enemy thoroughly conversant with arts of infiltration and subversion. More than half the world's population now stands in the communist camp and the enemy is gaining in America, too. None of us can afford to forget even for a moment that their ultimate objective is to defeat and destroy "democratic, imperialistic and capitalistic America." As the Red "world revolution" proceeds, we must watch carefully for such precursors and riots, strikes, sabotage and guerrilla warfare. These are all part and parcel of a global conspiracy to bring about a single communist world. Governments alone are helpless against the communists unless the people provide united and informed support for an unceasing endeavor to expose and render harmless every single person who gives allegiance to the Red cause.

I, and the many who are trying to help me, will appreciate deeply any suggestions that you may make for the furtherance of this struggle to preserve our liberties, our free institutions -- in fact, our very selves. Let us have your ideas and good tidings of your successes in this common task of all free men. Help us make this crusade the beginning of the end for those who otherwise would destroy us and all we believe in.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Stewart M. Robinson
Second Presbyterian Church
East Jersey St. Near Broad
Elizabeth, New Jersey