

(Translation)

CC send to Philip Van

January 26, 1953

C I T A T I O N

In recognition and appreciation for his exceptionally outstanding and meritorious service, I take great pleasure in accordance with the powers delegated to me by the Constitution of the Republic of Korea, in awarding the

ORDER OF NATIONAL SERVICE MERIT
KUNGOOK

to

GENERAL JAMES A. VAN FLEET
UNITED STATES ARMY

General JAMES A. VAN FLEET, a true and noble benefactor of the Republic of Korea whose name has been etched indelibly in our hearts, now leaves us to return to his homeland. The evidence of his magnificent effort on our behalf is all about us. He has built and trained our great Republic of Korea Army, which now has assumed its place in the struggle for freedom against Communist aggression; his great spirit has inspired our people to redoubled effort in support of our military forces and restored their faith in support of democratic principles; and he has demonstrated the highest humanitarian ideals in his continuous efforts to aid the sick and afflicted victims of war time tragedy. From his great leadership we have developed unshakable determination to resist and smash the tyrannical forces who would usurp our freedom. All these things and countless more he has given us and for them, we are gathered here to express our profound thanks and unbounded esteem. His deep wisdom and great heart not only have endeared him eternally to the

citizens of the republic but shall serve as a measure to those of future generations who aspire to his greatness. General VAN FLEET's selfless endeavor to help our people in their hour of need stands as a shining page in our history and we hope that this small token of the thanks we can never adequately express will assure him that he will live forever in our thoughts.