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U.S. Had Plan to Overthrow
Korea's Rhee

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New declassified documents have revealed that the United States gave high-level consideration during the Korean war to staging a coup against President Syngman Rhee of South Korea.

The plan, which called for Rhee's arrest, was known as Operation Everready. It was never activated on the two occasions it was under active study, the documents show. Rhee made concessions that, in the view of the Americans involved, made his overthrow unnecessary and undesirable.

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[Rhee] was forced from power by his own armed forces in 1960 and died in 1965 in exile in Honolulu at the age of 90.

- New York Times