

Japan Machine Tool Industry

\$ million

	CY 1967		JFY 1968
	<u>Value</u>	<u>U.S. share</u>	<u>Value (projected)</u>
Production	346 (up 63%)		375
Imports	36 (up 69%)	40%	40-60
Exports	49 (up 21%)	45%	53

The Korean Ambassador, Mr. Min Yung Um, requested a meeting with members of the Mission, which was arranged. During this meeting at the Korean Embassy, he stated they would welcome American investment up to 100% and would give fringe benefits such as no taxes for 5 years and also help finance such investments, pointing out that Korea was planning to advance into Southeast Asia with its products in competition with Japan. He further stated that there was no problem of importation of American machine tools into South Korea. He asked that members of the Mission fly to Korea to discuss this further, however, in view of the fact that the Mission was limited to Japan at this time, he was advised that this would be discussed with Washington and consideration given to an industrial mission being sent to Korea to discuss this matter further.