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Summary:

While the UN looks for ways to dismantle the UN headquarters in South Korea while preserving the armistice, the telegram notes that the North Koreans are attempting to bypass the UN as a whole and come to an understanding with the United States directly.

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As it is known, in the resolution adopted last year concerning the Korean matter, at the initiative of Western countries, the General Assembly expressed the hope that the Security Council, in consultation with directly concerned parties, will formulate those aspects related to its mandate, the dissolution of the UN headquarters [in Korea] included, all within the framework of adequate arrangements meant to preserve the armistice in Korea.

From an occasional conversation with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea ambassador to the UN, transpires that he had contacts with the American side, with the purpose of turning the above recommendation into reality.

From those mentioned by the Korean ambassador, we conclude that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is considering the possibility of reaching an understanding with the US concerning the dismantling of UN headquarters in Korea, and in so doing, of by-passing a discussion in the UN Security Council. It is possible that the US, as a result of an implied understanding, will take measures towards de facto dissolving the UN headquarters.

In such circumstances, the General Assembly or the Security Council shall solely take note of the UN headquarters [in Korea] dismantling, similar to 1973, when the UN Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea was dissolved.

Signed: Ion Datcu