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Summary:

The Embassy of Romania in Dacca summarizes Korean unification efforts based on information provided by North Korean diplomats in Bangladesh.

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To: Comrade Marcel Dinu, Second Direction - Relations

To Comrades Negrea/Bobocea [handwritten]

Regarding: Certain Aspects of the Situation on the Korean Peninsula

North Korean diplomats from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea embassy in Dacca showed that out of all the countries which are divided, only the Korean matter remained completely unsolved and without the prospects of reaching a peaceful resolution.

The absence of any sort of progress in the talks on unification, combined with the approach of the Americans, generated a serious situation which can at any given moment trigger a war.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea is very concerned with the fact that the Americans are providing South Korea with weapons, including nuclear weapons, which, according to some Western military experts, can guarantee the occupation of North Korea in 5-7 days. In these conditions, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is trying to find someone to resort to in case of emergency. From amongst the two big socialist countries, not that much aid is expected from China, which keeps changing its attitude towards the Korean matter according to its own interests in its relations with the United States. The death of Zhou Enlai intensified the oscillatory position of China and even if Mao Zedong would like to adopt a position that would be more favorable to North Korea, he no longer has the necessary power to do so.

The North Korean diplomats insinuated that [they] could have much more faith in the USSR.

(This conversation occurred between the North Korean diplomats and Valeriu Simion, second secretary).

Signed: Ambassador Iosif Chivu