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Pyongyang to the Romanian Ministry of Foreign  
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**Summary:**

The Romanian Embassy in Pyongyang reports to the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Kim Il Sung's discussion with Tito regarding Korea's reunification. Both leaders affirm that the global configuration is such that the DPRK needs to avoid military confrontation.

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A Yugoslav diplomat informed a Romanian diplomat of President Kim Il Sung's assertion during a discussion with President Tito that Korea can only be reunited by peaceful means. The current Chinese leadership, as well as the USSR and other countries, have declined any support or implication in a potential Korean War, advising North Korean leaders to avoid clashes that could escalate into a military confrontation. The DPRK alone would not be able to withstand the combined American and South Korean forces. As such, North Korea will intensify its efforts of finding new ways to close in the people from both sides and of becoming increasingly active internationally.

President Tito noted that this is the only possible position the DPRK could assume given the current global configuration.

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