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Summary:

The Romanian Embassy in Pyongyang informs the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs that Pyongyang reacts strongly against US reiteration of "cross-recognition" of both Koreas in the international community.

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Current US Secretary of State's reprise of Henry Kissinger's old ideas of 'cross-recognition' - the USSR and the PRC recognize the ROK and the US and Japan recognize the DPRK - and concurrent recognition of both Koreas within the UN has triggered vocal and disapproving reactions in Pyongyang against the United States for its policy of brutal interference in Korea's internal affairs and endorsement of Korean division. The central press, radio, and television are actively campaigning against these American ideas.

On the other hand, socialist diplomats in Pyongyang consider the possibility that, due to this anti-American campaign, C. Vance's future visit to Beijing will enable unofficial contacts between the US and the DPRK in view of clarifying the main problems between the two countries.

Signed: D. Popa