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Summary:

Kim Il Sung and Hua Guofeng are said to have discussed bilateral relations between China and North Korea, Korea's unification, and the Non-Aligned Movement.

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In a conversation with Ambassador Dumitru Popa, the Chinese Ambassador Lü Zhixian, referring to the official visit of President Hua Guofeng to North Korea (May 5-10), underlined the importance and exceptional results of this visit.

During the official talks between Presidents Hua Guofeng and Kim Il Sung, the two sides informed each other about the situation in their countries and discussed the issue of developing the militant friendship and brotherly cooperation, [as well as] the revolutionary unity between the two parties, [and] countries, as well as several international matters of common interest.

The agenda of the official talks between the two presidents focused on the following issues:

- Bilateral relations - the two sides expressed their satisfaction with the high level of political relations between the Workers' Party of Korea and the Chinese Communist Party, [as well as] between the DPRK and the PRC.

According to the Chinese Ambassador, there are no divergences between the two parties and peoples.

- With respect to the reunification of Korea

The Koreans reiterated the position of the DPRK government with respect to reunification and the Chinese reasserted the full support for the DPRK's reunification policy, firmly condemning any attempt to artificially create 'two Koreas.' This firm position of the PRC was publicly expressed by President Hua Guofeng in the speeches he delivered at receptions and at the workers' rally in Pyongyang. The PRC and the DPRK rejected and countered, yet again, the 1976 US proposal regarding the convening of a reunion on the Korean question, to be attended by the four countries: the PRC, the DPRK, the US and South Korea. President Kim Il Sung informed President Hua Guofeng about the results of the talks on the Korean question carried out with the Carter administration, by President I B Tito and President Nicolae Ceausescu, on the occasion of this year's visits to the US. Kim Il Sung said that the issue of direct contacts between the DPRK and the US will be discussed during his talks with President Nicolae Ceausescu.

- Third World countries and the Non-Aligned Movement

Presidents Kim Il Sung and Hua Guofeng expressed their opinion that currently, Third World countries' and Non-Aligned Movement's solidarity and unity are confronted with adversity, caused by the interference and influence exerted especially by the two superpowers (the US and the USSR). In this context, Kim Il Sung showed that the current situation urgently calls for the creation of a common front of recently liberated and non-aligned countries, which can fight against imperialist, colonialist, neo-colonialist, and [authoritarian] forces.

Hua Guofeng said that Kim Il Sung's proposal was a just one.

During the preparations for the visit, at President Hua Guofeng's initiative, the two sides agreed not to sign [any] documents regarding the visit, in accordance with a decision of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, taken two years ago.

The Chinese diplomat said that the two sides reached a full identity of views on the issues discussed.

Signed
Dumitru Popa