

May 26, 1967

**Letter, US Senator Vance Hartke to UN
Secretary-General U Thant**

Citation:

"Letter, US Senator Vance Hartke to UN Secretary-General U Thant", May 26, 1967, Wilson Center Digital Archive, "International incidents and disputes - Korea - correspondence (603.1)," Executive Office of the Secretary-General, S-0196-0002-01, United Nations Archives and Records Management Section (UN ARMS), New York, NY. Obtained for NKIDP by Charles Kraus.

<https://wilson-center-digital-archive.dvincitest.com/document/117106>

Summary:

U.S. Senator Vance Hartke inquires about the pending applications of North Vietnam and South Vietnam and North Korea and South Korea to gain entry into the United Nations, as well as the procedures involved for the dual admission of these divided nations.

Original Language:

English

Contents:

Original Scan

RUSSELL B. LONG, LA., CHAIRMAN
 GEORGE A. SMATHERS, FLA.
 CLINTON F. ANDERSON, N. MEX.
 ALBERT GORE, TENN.
 HERMAN E. TALMADGE, GA.
 EDWINE J. MCCARTHY, MINN.
 VANCE HARTKE, IND.

JOHN J. WILLIAMS, DEL.
 FRANK CARLSON, KANS.
 WALLACE F. BENNETT, UTAH
 CARL T. CURTIS, NEBR.
 THURSTON B. MORTON, KY.
 EVERETT LINDBERG, IOWA

603.1

[Handwritten mark]

16 June

ates Senate

ON FINANCE

Ruth,

Please file under KOREA. I have put a copy in my Viet-Nam file.

Many thanks.

pbs

, 1967

ACTION

TO: *Mr. K... [unclear]*

1

2

3

MAY 29 1967

- Action Completed

- Acknowledged

- No Action Required

INITIALS *[unclear]*

OR 210(1) PP

New York, New York

My dear Mr. Secretary General:

It is my understanding that membership applications from South Vietnam, dated December 17, 1951, and from North Vietnam dated December 27, 1951, are still pending before the United Nations. I have seen a copy of what appears to be the last action involving them, in January, 1957, when Russia offered a draft resolution in the Special Political Committee for recommendation by the General Assembly. That proposal was in the nature of a request by the General Assembly for the Security Council to consider these applications, together with those of the two Koreas, "with a view to recommending the simultaneous admission of all these states to membership..." The recorded vote in the Committee was 45-12 against, with 18 abstentions. So far as I have been able to determine, there has been no further action on these applications.

Is the information correct that the North and South Vietnam applications are still "pending"? If so, what is the meaning of the term and what would be required to secure further consideration of them? Would

cont'd...

603.1

[Handwritten mark]

GEORGE A. SMATHERS, FLA.
 CLINTON P. ANDERSON, N. MEX.
 ALBERT GORE, TENN.
 MARK K. TALMADGE, GA.
 J. EDGAR BRIDGES, MISS.
 J. MC CARTHY, MINN.
 J. HARTNE, IND.
 FULBRIGHT, ANK.
 HAM RIBICOFF, CONN.
 METCALF, MONT.
 J. R. HARRIS, OKLA.

TOM VAIL, CHIEF COUNSEL

JOHN J. WILLIAMS, DEL.
 FRANK CARLSON, KANS.
 WALLACE F. BENNETT, UTAH
 CARL Y. CURTIS, NEBR.
 THURSTON B. MORTON, KY.
 EVERETT MCKINLEY DIRKSEN, ILL.

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

May 26, 1967

ACTION

TO: *Mr. Karas*

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

MAY 29 1967

- Action Completed

- Acknowledged

- No Action Required

INITIALS *[Handwritten]*

OR 210(1) PP

The Honorable U Thant
 Secretary General
 United Nations
 New York, New York

My dear Mr. Secretary General:

It is my understanding that membership applications from South Vietnam, dated December 17, 1951, and from North Vietnam dated December 27, 1951, are still pending before the United Nations. I have seen a copy of what appears to be the last action involving them, in January, 1957, when Russia offered a draft resolution in the Special Political Committee for recommendation by the General Assembly. That proposal was in the nature of a request by the General Assembly for the Security Council to consider these applications, together with those of the two Koreas, "with a view to recommending the simultaneous admission of all these states to membership..." The recorded vote in the Committee was 45-12 against, with 18 abstentions. So far as I have been able to determine, there has been no further action on these applications.

Is the information correct that the North and South Vietnam applications are still "pending"? If so, what is the meaning of the term and what would be required to secure further consideration of them? Would

cont'd...

The Honorable U Thant

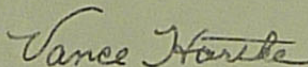
May 26, 1967

Page 2

the procedure be that which was followed in 1957, that is, consideration of a resolution in the Special Political Committee followed by action of recommendation in the General Assembly and then consideration on the Security Council agenda?

This inquiry is for the purpose of understanding the procedures exactly. I will appreciate the specific information in whatever detail you feel would be helpful. It might also be useful to me if you could trace the history of the successive considerations given to these two applications, including confirmation of the fact that no consideration has been given since 1957. But the heart of my concern is the question whether these applications, and those of the two Koreas, could be brought up for further consideration and, if so, what the procedure involved would entail.

Faithfully,



Vance Hartke
United States Senator