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Principal Secretary Kuzbari**

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Summary:

Principal Secretary of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea Zouheir Kuzbari records the meetings between himself and Assistant Secretary-General David B. Vaughan and Republic of Korea Prime Minister Kwon Chung Il, ROK Foreign Minister Hah Choi Kyu, and ROK President Park Chung Hee. The meetings concerned the construction of the new UNCURK Headquarters building and the ROK officials' desire for Secretary-General of the United Nations U Thant to pay a visit to ROK.

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1. On 12 May 1969, at 4:15 p.m., Mr. David B. Vaughan, Assistant Secretary-General, Office of the General Services, accompanied by Mr. Zouheir Kuzbari, Principal Secretary, UNCURK, paid a courtesy call on His Excellency Mr. Chung Il Kwon, Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea. Present during the meeting was Dr. Park Keun, Director, Bureau of International Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
2. Mr. Vaughan expressed his appreciation for the services rendered by the Government of the Republic of Korea to UNCURK and UNMCK.
3. The Prime Minister, in return, stressed the importance which his Government attaches to the role of the United Nations in Korea.

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1. On 12 May 1969, at 3:00 p.m., Mr. David B. Vaughan, Assistant Secretary-General, Office of the General Services, accompanied by Mr. Zouheir Kuzbari, Principal Secretary, UNCURK, paid a courtesy call on His Excellency Mr. Choi Kyu Hah, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Korea, in the latter's office.
2. The Foreign Minister welcomed Mr. Vaughan and pointed out that his Government would do its utmost to help the work of UNCURK and UNMCK in Korea.
3. In reply, Mr. Vaughan thanked the Foreign Minister for constructing the new building for UNCURK Headquarters and also for the facilities given to the mission. He emphasized that the purpose of his visit to the Republic of Korea was primarily to see the United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Korea and to inspect the construction of the new UNCURK Headquarters building.
4. The Foreign Minister said that the new UNCURK Headquarters building has been constructed under the order of President Chung Hee Park himself and that the Principal Secretary of UNCURK had been informed last year of this instruction and of the President's interest in general.
5. The Foreign Minister went on to say that he would like, on behalf of his Government, to renew the Republic of Korea's official invitation to the Secretary-General of the United Nations to pay a visit to Korea.
6. Mr. Vaughan replied that he would communicate the renewed invitation of the Republic of Korea Government to the Secretary-General.

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2. President Park said that he was happy to meet Mr. Vaughan and to see that it was possible for him to visit the Republic of Korea. He added that his country has had a great attachment to the United Nations and expressed his view that its presence in the Republic of Korea should continue.
3. Mr. Vaughan thanked the President for his kind remarks and expressed his appreciation for the latter's personal decision and instruction in regard to the construction of the new UNCURK Headquarters building. He said that he was quite impressed with what he had seen so far, in particular the ingenuity of the Korean engineers and architects presently constructing the new UNCURK Headquarters.
4. The President enquired from the Principal Secretary whether there were any outstanding problems with regard to the construction of the new building. The Principal Secretary said that there was none.
5. President Park then proceeded to describe his country's general policies and referred to the constant threat to its security. He later asked about the well-being of the Secretary-General and stressed his desire to see the Secretary-General paying a visit to the Republic of Korea.

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