

**July 3, 1969**

**Letter, UNCURK Principal Secretary Zouheir Kubari to UN Chef de Cabinet C.V. Narasimhan, Concerning Secretary-General U Thant's Correspondence to President Park Chung Hee**

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**Summary:**

Principal Secretary of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea Zouheir Kuzbari updates Chef de Cabinet of the United Nations C.V. Narasimhan on Secretary-General of the United Nations U Thant's letter of gratitude towards ROK President Park Chung Hee and his administration's goodwill towards UNCURK, the movements of ROK political parties, and Tunisian Foreign Minister's meeting with ROK Foreign Minister Kyu Hah Choi.

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UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE UNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOREA  
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Seoul, 18 July 1969

Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

I take pleasure in acknowledging receipt of the letter which the UN Secretary-General U Thant has addressed to the ROK President Chung Hee Park dated July 3. I had requested the Protocol Section of the Foreign Ministry to arrange for me to deliver this letter in person to the President next week. Personally, I think the letter is elegantly drafted and conveys the feeling of gratitude which the Commission and the Secretariat of UNCURK feel towards the gesture of the ROK President. In this connexion, you may be interested to know that the President has also instructed his staff to see to it that the Government provides the Commission with new furnitures for the Commission's conference room.

The domestic political situation remained relatively calm this week. No further student demonstrations were reported to have taken place anywhere in the country. In the meantime the ruling Democratic Republican Party (DRP) has been trying to unify its ranks and create a solid political front to press for the amendment of the Constitution. It had elected a new Secretary-General for the party and seems to be preparing itself to meet the challenge of the opposition New Democratic Party (NDP) as well as the elements opposing the constitutional amendment.

The Tunisian Foreign Minister, Mr. Habib Bourguiba Jr., was here for a few days on official visit. He held talks with the ROK Foreign Minister Kyu Hah Choi and concluded a technical agreement with the ROK Government. This is the first time that an Arab Foreign Minister visited Korea and the Government has attached special significance to this visit in view of the fact that the north Korean Government has been recently quite active in some African and the Middle Eastern countries and established diplomatic relations with a number of them.

Again, there were no incidents, this week, in the DMZ and the present lull in the frontline is being watched by the UNC with great interest.

With warm personal regards,

Mr. C.V. Narasimhan  
Chef de Cabinet  
United Nations  
New York

Yours sincerely,

*Zouheir Kuzbari*  
Zouheir Kuzbari  
Principal Secretary

CVN/CC

cc: Mr. Lemieux

" Vaughan  
" Kuzbari  
" Mittani  
Bern Obs.

4 July 1969

My dear Ambassador,

I send herewith a copy of a message that the Secretary-General has transmitted to His Excellency the President of the Republic of Korea, through Mr. Kuzbari.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

C.V. Narasimhan  
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency  
Mr. Yong Shik Kim  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Observer of the Republic of Korea  
to the United Nations  
866 United Nations Plaza, 5th Floor  
New York, N.Y. 10017

3 July 1969

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