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Chef de Cabinet Narasimhan, Concerning ROK
Political and Security Developments**

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Summary:

Principal Secretary of the UNCURK Zouheir Kuzbari informs Chef de Cabinet C.V. Narasimhan on President of the NDP's announcement for 1971 presidential candidacy, DMZ infiltration by North Koreans, and ROK anti-aircraft batteries action against an unidentified plane.

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Seoul, 25 September 1970

Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

There have been very few noteworthy political developments this week except the statement made by Mr. Yu Chin San, President of the major opposition New Democratic Party, that he would seek the candidacy for the presidential nomination in 1971 at his party's convention on 29 September 1970. His decision to run for the presidential election against the incumbent President Park Chung Hee is viewed by political observers here as having little chance of success because of the fact that he does not possess a good public image which President Park has. On the other hand, among the party's aspirants for the presidential candidacy, he is the only one who could receive the support of the majority of his party.

On the security developments, the Government has announced on 21 September 1970 that a number of infiltrators from North Korea has succeeded in penetrating to the South through the western sector of the Demilitarized Zone. During an encounter with these infiltrators, one of them was reported killed. In addition, it was reported that anti-aircraft batteries in the central area of the capital city of Seoul went into action against an unidentified plane in the evening of Tuesday, 22 September. The Ministry of Defence claimed that the aircraft belonged to Japan Air Lines and was flying over a restricted area in the capital, but JAL denied the former's statement.

With warmest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Zouheir Kuzbari".

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New York