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**Letter, UNCURK Principal Secretary Kuzbari to UN
Chef de Cabinet Narasimhan, Concerning ROK
Domestic and Peninsular Affairs**

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Summary:

Principal Secretary of the UNCURK Zouheir Kuzbari informs Chef de Cabinet of the UNs C.V. Narasimhan of Chung Hee's policies for rapid, self-sustained economic development and strengthening defense posture, turn over of U.S. force equipment to ROK forces, killing of two North Korean infiltrators, and the nomination of Kim Dae Young for presidency.

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Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

The Republic of Korea celebrated on 1 October its twenty-second Armed Forces Day and the occasion has provided, as in the past, political observers here with the opportunity to study further the present thinking of its leaders. In his major address to the ROK forces, President Park Chung Hee has outlined his policy on general security matters, unification and the relations with the United States. With reference to the overall security aspect, he described the Korean peninsula "as the greatest dangerous zone" in the World today. He added that, although views may differ on the assessment of the present situation in Korea, it is his judgement that the tension in the Korean peninsula will continue to grow for at least the next several years. After recalling the history of the past four years during which the country seemed to be threatened on numerous occasions, he appealed to the ROK forces to remain vigilant. The President did not refer in his speech to the question of the US troops reduction in Korea, but stressed the point that the US will respect its commitment according to the ROK-US Mutual Defence Treaty and come to the help of its ally. The President also referred to his unification formula announced in his speech on 15 August 1970 and said that the North Korean authorities have refused to accept the suggestions made in that speech. However, he stated that his Government's basic policy remains to seek territorial unification through peaceful means. The President reiterated the familiar theory here that the decade of the 1970s will be quite decisive in the future of the Korean peninsula and that the North Koreans "are engaging in the preparation for a war with the aim of communizing South Korea during that decade". This theory seems to have less adherents today than few years ago and certainly the military planners in the U.N. Command do not totally subscribe to it. It was noted, though, that the speech has again emphasized the two major premises on which President Park appears to be developing his policies: (a) a continuation of the rapidly developing self-sustained economy; and (b) the establishment of a stronger defence posture.

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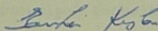
With regard to the current US-ROK bilateral talks on troops withdrawal, it was reliably reported here that the US Government has agreed to have the equipment of its forces leaving Korea to be turned over to the South Korean troops after their departure.

As to the security situation in the ROK, the Counter-Espionage Operations Headquarters announced on 28 September that two North Korean infiltrators were reported killed while trying to land on the Kadok Island on the South-West Coast. It was also reported that a number of infiltrators succeeded in penetrating other parts of the Island and that a major joint Police and Homeland Reserve Force operation is underway to round them up.

On the domestic scene, there has been very little activity except a nomination of the opposition New Democratic Party's representative, Mr. Kim Dae Young, as its presidential candidate to face the incumbent President Park in the presidential election next May. On the other hand, President Fidel Sanchez Hernandez of El Salvador, paid a state visit to the Republic of Korea on 28 September and held talks with President Park on various political and economic subjects, notably on the attitude of the Latin American bloc members at the United Nations towards the Korean question.

With warmest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,



Zouheir Kuzbari
Principal Secretary