

December 18, 1970 Letter, UNCURK Principal Secretary Kuzbari to UN Chef de Cabinet Narasimhan

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Summary:

Principal Secretary of UNCURK Zouheir Kuzbari informs Chef de Cabinet of UN C.V. Narasimhan of the ROK election law reforms.

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Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

After a long procrastination lasting almost a year, the National Assembly approved this week the election law reforms negotiated earlier between the two main political parties. The reforms are, in essence, designed to regulate the forthcoming elections and to ensure their proper conduct. The approval of these reformed laws would make it possible for the National Assembly to approve the 1971 budget bill and to dispose of other pending laws. With this development, it appears that the stage is set now for the major political parties to prepare for the Presidential and National Assembly elections next year. President Park Chung Hee is expected to announce shortly the formation of a caretaker government which will supervise the elections and make new changes among the hierarchy of his ruling party. It is widely speculated here that the President may again call in his former close and powerful political associate, Kim Chong Pil, the former Democratic Republican Party chairman, who resigned from the party in June 1968 and parted way with him, to be in charge of his election campaign. Mr. Kim Chong Pil, long regarded as an heir apparent to President Park, returned to Seoul yesterday from a trip abroad and held a discussion today with the latter. Mr. Kim had been virtually neutralised over the last two years and his return could mean that the President is preparing him to play a larger role.

With warmest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

Luki Kylen

Chef de Cabinet New York