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**Letter, UNCURK Principal Secretary Kuzbari to UN  
Chef de Cabinet Narasimhan**

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**Summary:**

A representative from Turkey announces his government's withdrawal from the UN Command, while a representative from Thailand announces his government's withdrawal of the Thai Company from the UN Forces in Korea. However, both governments will keep the military attaches as liason officers on the MAC.

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UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE UNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOREA  
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Seoul, 29 January 1971

Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

During the meeting of the Committee of UNCURK on 28 January 1971, Ambassador B.N. Kestelli, Representative of Turkey, informed the members of his Government's decision to withdraw the Turkish component in the United Nations Command which comprises of nine enlisted men who form a part of the U.N. Command Honour Guard. The reasons given by the Representative of Turkey suggest that his Government believes that it is no longer useful to maintain a close association with the Korean situation in view of the changing circumstances in East Asia.

At the same time, Ambassador C. Klongvicha, Representative of Thailand, also informed the Committee that the Thai Company on the United Nations Forces in Korea, which is composed of around 155 soldiers, would likewise be withdrawn from here after the end of the general elections in June 1971.

These two moves by the Turkish and the Thai Governments will no doubt impair the seemingly international character of the United Nations Command. On the other hand, both Representatives have stated that their Governments will keep the military attachés as liaison officers on the Military Armistice Commission.

With warmest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Zouheir Kuzbari".

Zouheir Kuzbari  
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