January 29, 1971 Letter, UNCURK Principal Secretary Kuzbari to UN Chef de Cabinet Narasimhan

Citation:

"Letter, UNCURK Principal Secretary Kuzbari to UN Chef de Cabinet Narasimhan", January 29, 1971, Wilson Center Digital Archive, "International incidents and disputes -Korea - correspondence (603.1)," Executive Office of the Secretary-General, S-0196-0004-01, United Nations Archives and Records Management Section (UN ARMS), New York, NY. Obtained for NKIDP by Charles Kraus. https://wilson-center-digital-archive.dvincitest.com/document/117455

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.

Credits:

This document was made possible with support from Leon Levy Foundation

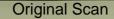
Original Language:

English

Contents:

Original Scan

Wilson Center Digital Archive



UNITED NATIONS



NATIONS UNIES

UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE UNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOREA (UNCURK)

CONFIDENTIAL

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the Thai Company on the United Nations Forces in Korea, which is composed of around 155 soldiers, would likewise be withdrawn from here after the end of the general elections in June 1971.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 limison officers on the Military Armistice Commission.

With warmest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

Junter Kylen

Zouheir Kuzbari Principal Secretary

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