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

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**Summary:**

The presidential elections in South Korea are set for 27 April 1977, and four candidates are running: Park Chung Hee, Kim Dae Jung, Kim Chul, and Song Po Kyong.

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Seoul, 26 March 1971

Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

With the official announcement that the presidential election will be held on the 27th of April 1971, the political parties have formally begun their election campaigns this week. So far only four presidential candidates have registered their names with the Central Election Management Committee; they are (1) President Park Chung Hee of the ruling Democratic Republican Party; (2) Mr. Kim Dae Jung of the major opposition New Democratic Party; (3) Mr. Kim Chul of the Unified Socialist Party; and (4) Mr. Song Po Kyong of the Minjung-dang. Among these four, the people's choice will mainly be centered around the incumbent President, Park Chung Hee, and the main opposition presidential candidate, Mr. Kim Dae Jung. President Park has behind him a long record of solid economic achievements while Mr. Kim Dae Jung is relatively a new comer and is attempting to bring a fresh and new image into the stale air of the Korean politics.

As in the past, the Government of the Republic of Korea has extended an invitation to UNCURK to observe the forthcoming presidential election and in this connexion the Commission will hold its next session in Seoul on 22 April to discuss detailed preparations prior to sending the ten teams to the various provinces of the country.

With warmest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

Zouheir Kusbari  
Principal SecretaryMr. C.V. Narasimhan  
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