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

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Summary:

UNCURK reports on their observations of the presidential elections, which were orderly and without violence.

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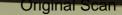
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UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE UNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOREA (UNCURK)

Seoul, 30 April 1971

Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

The United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea met this afternoon under the chairmanship of the Representative of Australia, Ambassador A.H. Loomes, and discussed the results of the presidential election held on 27 April 1971. Leaders of the Commission's ten teams briefed the members on the findings of the election during their observation tours. After a general exchange of views, the Commission adopted a press release, a copy of which is herewith attached for your information.

The Commission decided to reconvene on 21 May to form its teams in order to observe the National Assembly elections which are expected to take place on 25 May.

With warmest personal regards,

fours sincerely.

Jarki Kon

Zouheir Kuzbari Principal Secretary

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

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UNITLD NATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE UNIFICATION AND REMABILITATION OF KOREA

Press Release No. 71/5

Secul, Republic of Korea 30 April 1971

The United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea (UNCURK) has observed the presidential election on the 27th April 1971 in the Republic in accordance with its mandate from the General Assembly of the United Nations and in response to an invitation by the Government of the Republic of Korea.

The ten observation teams formed by the Commission to observe the presidential election were able to travel around country and were able to interview senior officials, election management committees, and representatives of the political parties, and were giver unrestricted access to voting stations and vote-counting stations throughout the country in order that they might objectively observe the conduct of the election.

While charges of irregularities, alleged to have been committed both before and during the election, have been brought to its attention, the Commission was not in a position to verify the validity of these allegations. However, the Commission considers, on the basis and to the extent of its observation, that the election was conducted in an orderly manner and in accordance with the provisions of the relevant laws and regulations. The Commission was impressed by the fact that the election proceeded in a calm atmosphere and almost entirely without violence or disturbance.

The Commission wishes to take this opportunity to express its appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Central Election hanagement Committee, and its local committees throughout the Republic for the co-operation and courtesies extended to the teams in the performance of their duties during their observation of the election. Wilson Center Digital Archive

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보도 자료 71/5

1971년 4월 30일 데안민국 서울발표

국 지연합관국동일부용위원단(언커트)는 유연홍되의 위입사망과 데라민국의 초청에 의거 1971년 4월 27일 데라민국니에서 실시된 데동명 선거를 관람다였다.

선거이건 및 선거기간증 자행 되었다고 주장된 부장에 대한 비난동은 동 위원단에 의가에 주목되었으나 동 위원단은 그러간 주장의 가당성원각인 감수 있는 위치에 농여있지 않았다. 그러나, 동 위원단은 동 위원단이 관감만 근거와 범위니에서는 선거가 질서있지 그리고 감지법명의 규정사당에 의거 실시되었다고 그려한다. 동 위원단은 선거가 조용만 분위기속에서 그리고 거의 아무런 폭력 또는 소등이 없이 진행 되었다는 사실에 감명 밝았다.

동 위원단은 이 기회를 통아여 대한민국 정부와 중앙선거관미위원회 고미고 전국 가카의 산이 위원회들에 대아여 선거 관찰 기간중 관찰반들의 입무수장에 협조와 도의를 제공 때 준데 데아여 사회를 표 아고자 안다.