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

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Summary:

The ROK government decision to only return North Korean pilot Major Pak in exchange for the remaining eleven passengers of the 1969 KAL plane causes dissatisfaction with UNCURK and UN Command.

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Seoul, 5 May 1971

Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

Additional information regarding the case of the North Korean pilot, Major Pak Song Guk, on whom a complete report was sent to you at your request on 9 April 1971, became available today.

In a meeting which was held yesterday, the 4th of May, between the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Korea, General Jung Nae Hiuk, and the Commander-in-Chief of the United Nations Command, General John H. Michaelis, this question was raised again and the United Nations Command side requested that Major Pak's statement regarding his wish whether to stay in South Korea or to return to the North be verified by an international body. General Michaelis was informed by the Republic of Korea Defence Minister that his Government had decided not to return Major Pak to North Korea unless the North accepts to exchange the pilot with the eleven remaining Korean Air Lines passengers hijacked to Pyongyang on 11 December 1969.

The United Nations Command side appeared to be dissatisfied with this development and is expected to put pressure on the Government here to change its attitude. Should the Republic of Korea Government adhere to this position, the involvement of UNCURK in this case would appear less likely.

With warmest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

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