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**Summary:**

The ROK government announces their Vietnam troop withdrawal plans. Ozbudun believes the plan is connected to the PRC's entry into the UN.

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ROK TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM VIET-NAM

Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

The ROK Government announcement of 6 November 1971, concerning the decision to withdraw 10,000 Korean troops between 1 December 1971 and 31 June 1972 and subsequent full withdrawal, created mixed feelings in the Press.

The over-all reaction favours the original 1965 decision to despatch the troops; praises the contribution of Korean soldiers to an invaded friend; welcomes generally the decision to withdraw; and expresses anxiety for the substantial economic loss that would be inevitably incurred as a result of full withdrawal.

My impression is that full withdrawal might be expedited primarily in connexion with the impact of the PRC's entry into the United Nations.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ahmet H. Özbudun".

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