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### **Letter, Ozbudun to Narasimhan, "Removal of the 'Garrison Act'"**

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#### **Summary:**

Ozbudun informs Narasimhan about the lifting of the "Garrison Act" effective 9 November 1971 by the ROK Government.

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REMOVAL OF THE "GARRISON ACT"

Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

On 9 November 1971, the ROK Government lifted the "Garrison Act" and withdrew army troops to their original posts. The Act had been resorted to on 15 October.

Defence Minister YU Jae-hung stated that this was the result of normalization at Seoul campuses thanks to efforts of both the Government and school authorities.

Students and the Army had established fraternal relations since the Student Revolution of 1960. The employment of soldiers to clamp down on campuses satisfied neither side, and might have marred this relationship to a point of no return.

I believe that there is still a missing link in the enigma of the campus intervention as to its primary motivation. Whether or not this will reveal itself, I feel that repercussions of the repression will manifest themselves in the foreseeable future.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ahmet H. Özbudun".

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