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**Letter, Ahmet H. Ozbudun to C.V. Narasimhan,
"Impact of UNCURK's Recommendation for Its
Dissolution"**

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Ozbudun sends Narasimhan a letter on impact of UNCURK's recommendation for its dissolution.

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CONFIDENTIAL UNCURK'S RECOMMENDATION 6 September 1973

Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

As you will see in the Concluding Observations of UNCURK's annual report (copies of which are presented to you under separate cover), the Commission has increasingly recommended its dissolution.

Dear Ahmet,

I have received your letter No. 42 addressed "For my eyes only" on the subject of 'Impact of UNCURK's Recommendation for its Dissolution'. I have taken note of your views.

Instructions to members from the Commission for such a recommendation were very unequivocal. The scuttling by Pyongyang of the North-South dialogue two days before the signing of the report, and the absence of a substitute political presence to UNCURK at this most vital juncture, did not prompt the members to seek new instructions. They banked on an exaggerated rationalization of a common point in the Pyongyang and Seoul statements paying lip service to the dialogue and expressing hope for its resumption, however almost under prohibitive conditions at least on the part of the DPRK.

C.V. Narasimhan
Chef de Cabinet

Many observers wonder about the impact of the said "scuttling" on the forthcoming Korean debate of the UNGA, and express the hope, perhaps in vain, that the majority may regard a UN political vacuum in Korea as practically inviting upward or designed armed conflict.

With warmest personal regards,

Mr. Ahmet H. Ozbudun
Principal Secretary
UNCURK
Seoul, Korea

Sincerely yours,

A. H. Ozbudun
Ahmet H. Ozbudun
Principal Secretary

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IMPACT OF UNCURK'S RECOMMENDATION FOR ITS DISSOLUTION

Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

As you will see in the Concluding Observations of UNCURK's annual report (signed copies of which are presented to you under separate cover), the Commission has irrevocably recommended its dissolution.

One observer has described this deed, (although undertaken in the wake of overpowering external pressure), as an act of "harakiri" which simultaneously "kamikazed" the UN posture and unification principles on Korea.

Instructions to members from the home governments for such recommendation were very unequivocal. Even the practical scuttling by Pyongyang of the North-South dialogue two days before the signing of the report, and the absence of a substitute political presence to UNCURK at this most vital juncture, did not prompt the members to seek new instructions. They banked on an exaggerated rationalization of a common point in the Pyongyang and Seoul statements paying lip service to the dialogue and expressing hope for its resumption, however almost under prohibitive conditions at least on the part of the DPRK.

Many observers wonder about the impact of the aforesaid "scuttling" on the forthcoming Korean debate of the UNGA, and express the hope, perhaps in vain, that the majority may regard a UN political vacuum in Korea as practically inviting untoward or designed armed conflict.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ahmet H. Ozbidun', is written over the typed name.

Ahmet H. Ozbidun
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