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Summary:

Ozbudun reports to Kittani on Netherlands alternative representative, meeting of the Committee of UNCURK, session of the Commission for 1973, UN day reception, prospects for our local staff, and UNCURK's phase-out.

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MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Dear Mr. Kittani,

NETHERLANDS ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE

Thank you very much for pouching me the relevant letters concerning the accreditation of Mr. Iwan Verkade, the Alternate Representative of the Netherlands.

MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF UNCURK

The members have agreed to hold two Committee meetings, the second attended by the Netherlands representative from Tokyo, to discuss current developments at the UNGA and to take up certain procedural matters. The dates are tentatively set for 4 and 10 October, respectively.

SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR 1973

The members have agreed on the desirability of holding the fifth session of UNCURK for 1973 just after the UNGA deliberations on the Korean question, possibly in late November, to review any decision of the Assembly.

UN DAY RECEPTION

In view of the news that Korean deliberations at the UNGA will not come in October, matters I had raised in last week's letter on a "UN Day Reception" are evidently settled. I am now proceeding with arrangements for a regular reception, including the printing of invitation cards.

PROSPECTS FOR OUR LOCAL STAFF

As days go by and the prospect of UNCURK's proposed dissolution nears, I am highly impressed by the continued dedication of all our

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Korean staff members. At a staff meeting, some asked my permission to look for jobs, and I answered that, although UNCURK would be hard-pressed by even a partial exodus of the staff, I would certainly not stand in their way to protect the welfare of their families. So far, not a single member expressed any intention to resign earlier than the prospective dissolution.

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In this connexion, since the last paragraph of my last week's letter entitled "IMPASSE SUFFERED BY UNCURK'S LOCAL STAFF" was inadvertently garbled, I seize the opportunity of sending you a corrected original for your files along with another appeal to do or to direct all you can for the maximum financial and job benefits of our staff members.

UNCURK'S PHASE-OUT

In connexion with my letter "OTHER MATTERS" of 14 September 1973, our Administrative Officer, Mr. James Whyte, received a letter from Mr. George Lansky.

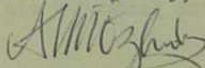
I should like to study the matter of the phase-out of UNCURK pending its proposed dissolution with due attention in the light of further pertinent developments, and urge that Mr. Whyte draft his reply only on a tentative basis, so that full flexibility regarding the contemplated budgetary and other implications of the topic at hand could be maintained.

I believe, everyone would agree that ramifications of the substantive political matters concerning the phase-out must have priority over the advance calculation of the said implications. It would be no doubt most beneficial to discuss the issue, including political considerations, time-tables and skeletal staff, not only of UNCURK but also of UNMCK, in its broadest context, between yourself, Mr. Lansky and myself in due course to contemplate all incumbent angles for decision-making.

I should like to write to you and to Mr. Lansky further on the matter and render my suggestions in my dual capacity, both as Principal Secretary of UNCURK and Custodian of UNMCK.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,



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Principal Secretary