

November 29, 1973

**Letter, Ahmet H. Ozbudun to Ismat Kittani,
"Prospective Aftermath of Korean Deliberations at
UNGA"**

Citation:

"Letter, Ahmet H. Ozbudun to Ismat Kittani, "Prospective Aftermath of Korean Deliberations at UNGA"", November 29, 1973, Wilson Center Digital Archive, "International incidents and disputes - Korea - correspondence general (603.1)," Executive Office of the Secretary-General, S-0196-0009-05, United Nations Archives and Records Management Section (UN ARMS), New York, NY. Obtained for NKIDP by Charles Kraus. <https://wilson-center-digital-archive.dvincitest.com/document/117573>

Summary:

Ozbudun sends Kittani a report on prospective aftermath of Korean deliberations at UNGA.

Credits:

This document was made possible with support from Kyungnam University

Original Language:

English

Contents:

Original Scan

UNITED NATIONS



NATIONS UNIES

UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE UNIFICATION OF KOREA CS/mmc

CONFIDENTIAL W. 231

21 November 1973

29 November 1973

EXECUTIVE APPENDIX OF KOREAN DELEGATIONS AT UNCTAD

CONFIDENTIAL

There is little going on here that is formative except for repercussions to the "Consensus Statement"; efforts to reexamine the North-South Red Cross and Co-ordinating Committee dialogue; student contact (on which I wrote extensively before); and parliamentary talks. Only the first briefly merits your attention at this time. Dear Ahmet, must to be covered in the Summary of Developments.

Thank you for your letter No.231 dated 23 November 1973. I have noted its contents.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

If it is believed that whereas Seoul appears the slight "victor" on the surface, the expected recognition and diplomatic recognition of the Executive Assistant to the Secretary-General (of Pyongyang) would accentuate Seoul's overall defeat. Only Soviet and PRG recognition of the ROK might afford some compensation.

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

Mr. Ismat T. Kittani Executive Assistant to the Secretary-General United Nations New York

Sino
of

UNITED NATIONS



NATIONS UNIES

UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE UNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOREA
(UNCURK)CONFIDENTIAL : №. 231

23 November 1973

PROSPECTIVE AFTERMATH OF KOREAN DELIBERATIONS AT UNGA

Dear Mr. Kittani,

There is little going on here that is formative except for repercussions to the "Consensus Statement"; efforts to recommence the North-South Red Cross and Co-ordinating Committee dialogues; student unrest (on which I wrote extensively before); and parliamentary affairs. Only the first briefly merits your attention at this point, the rest to be covered in the Summary of Developments.

Most opinion at this end is that the "Consensus Statement" as well as the whole Korean strategies and deliberations will be regarded as a thorough defeat for the ROK side in the not too distant future. The dual UN membership policy of Seoul, in which it had "wantonly" placed all its aces, is deemed "bankrupt-at-inception". Moreover, there seem to be indications that the UN Command and US Forces issue is at best placed into dormancy or suspended animation only to be resuscitated soon, either by the divulgence of a behind-the-scenes advance commitment between the US and the PRC, or renewed efforts at the Security Council and the next GA, or both.

It is believed that whereas Seoul appears the slight "victor" on the surface, the expected avalanche of one-sided recognition and diplomatic recognition of the DPRK by ROK supporters (as against a trickle of reciprocation by a few non-aligned friends of Pyongyang), would accentuate Seoul's overall defeat. Only Soviet and PRC recognition of the ROK might afford some compensation.

As to the future of North-South détente, and prospects of Korean unification, the outlook is regarded to be indeed bleak if not altogether hopeless. It is said that all would be lucky if no eruption occurred.

Mr. Ismat T. Kittani
Executive Assistant
to the Secretary-General
United Nations
New York

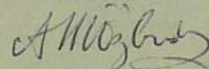
- 2 -

Altogether it is commonly believed that the UNGA deliberations, precipitated by Seoul's undue defeatism, have disrupted a most delicate balance, one sidedly, and perhaps beyond redemption, especially if the UN will shirk from acquiring a new political role in Korea.

Credit is given to successful efforts which avoided blunt actual confrontation at the First Committee and which led to the Consensus. However, many regard the present "rapprochement" as the prelude to tempest.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Ahmet H. Ozbudun
Principal Secretary