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Letters between Ahmet H. Ozbudun and Ismat Kittani

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Ozbudun sends Kittani two letters on phasing out of UNCURK.

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST

CONFIDENTIAL (No. 233)

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Dear Mr. Kittani,

At this phase-out stage of our Secretariat in Seoul, there are, as you are aware, formative political developments which ordinarily would have warranted elucidative and assessment on my part. I refrain from this, as you would agree, since the Principal Secretary's political functions are deemed to have come to an end. In any case, I believe that in the past extensively reported on current pertinent issues, such as the very formative student movement, North-South tension I refer to your two Confidential letters Nos. 233 and 234. Naturally, I would be ready for extensive debriefing, inter alia, on these and other burning issues upon my return.

As far as the arrangements for the phasing out of UNCURK is concerned, Mr. Lansky has said that he will be writing to you shortly giving his views in this regard. In this connexion, we see no objection to your taking some leave en route and reporting for duty early in January. PSCA also has no objection to your taking leave.

As you are aware, negotiations are well underway for the United Nations to disengage itself from its custodial responsibilities in respect of UNMCK from next year. Mr. Lansky's office will be writing to you the details concerning the arrangements worked out towards this end.

With kind regards,
If I can go through Istanbul, I may be contacted there as follows:
TELEGRAM/MAIL: A.H.H. OZBUDUN, FERRY
185/204, KIZILTOPRAK, ISTANBUL; TELEPHONE: ISTANBUL 361151/

I would naturally cable you regarding my departure and route. I will be also in contact with you regarding the schedules of the international staff phase-out matters.

Ismat T. Kittani
Executive Assistant to
the Secretary-General

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

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

Sincerely yours,

A.H.H. Ozbudun
AHMET H. OZBUDUN

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UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE UNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOREA
(UNCKURK)

CONFIDENTIAL: (No. 232)

7 December 1973

Dear Mr. Kittani,

At this phase-out stage of our Secretariat in Seoul, there are, as you are aware, formative political developments which ordinarily would have warranted elucidation and assessment on my part. I refrain from this, as you would agree, since the Principal Secretary's political functions are deemed to have come to an end. In any case, I believe I have in the past extensively reported on current pertinent issues, such as the very formative student movement, North-South tension, growing Korean factionalism, etc., with a rather good "batting average". Naturally, I would be ready for extensive debriefing, inter alia, on these and other burning issues upon my return. It suffices to reiterate with realism that the sudden UN political vacuum here will not at all augur well -- hence my continuous stress on previous recommendations.

Administratively, the Secretariat is being phased out with maximum speed and, if the UNDP would be requested to handle procedural and residual affairs, all staff can exit by the year's end.

My own target date is ^{or in} about two weeks, if that is humanly possible and, among other matters, if the situation with respect to the UNCK Custodianship functions and negotiations thereon become clear. Regarding my departure, I would appreciate if your Office and my Department had no objections against my taking much-needed rest en route so as to arrive at Headquarters around early January. If I can go through Istanbul, I may be contacted there as follows: TELEGRAPH/MAIL: A.H.H.OZBUDUN, FENERYOLU, SITE APT., BAGDAT CADDESI, 185/204, KIZILTOPRAK, ISTANBUL; TELEPHONE: ISTANBUL 361157/

I would naturally cable you regarding my departure and route. I will be also in contact with you and Field Service regarding the schedules of the international staff and other pertinent phase-out matters.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

A.H.H. Ozbudun
AHMET H. OZBUDUN

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

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UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE UNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOREA
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CONFIDENTIAL No. 234

7 December 1973

Dear Mr. Kittani,

Concerning administrative phase-out arrangements and pursuant to my cables on the subject for which no replies have as yet been received, I wish to add the following:

- As soon as I receive your views on our radio station, we will commence dismantling it for dispatch to Pisa and thereupon continue to correspond with you through the UNDP telex in Seoul. The Resident Representative is agreeable to the proposal with appreciation of our fullest cooperation in the past concerning UNDP's cabled correspondence through our station.

- Similarly, we will ask UNDP to take over the pouch functions from us at the earliest opportunity. As you know, heretofore our Secretariat did pouch-servicing for the local UNDP, UNICEF and WHO offices in the ROK.

I have taken the liberty of addressing a similar letter to Mr. Lensky.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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

Ahmet H. Ozbudun

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to the Secretary-General
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New York