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**Letters between Ahmet H. Ozbudun and C.V.
Narasimhan**

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Ozbudun sends Narasimhan a report on ROK National Assembly election observation and UN policy of the ROK.

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Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

My hospitalization of some days for a simple case of
"acute gastritis" after 2 weeks was today fully recovered,
and I am very happy to be able to take this morning's session
of this letter.

Dear Ahmet,

Thank you for your confidential letter No. 185 dated
2 March regarding the observation of elections and UN policy
in the ROK. Your comments have been noted. I also note
that you were unable to prepare the weekly Summary of
Developments but that you will be sending a two-week summary
in the next pouch.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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MISCELLANEOUS

Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

My hospitalization of five days for a simple case of "viral pericarditis" after ^{which} I resumed work today fully recovered, and a lengthy UNCURK Committee meeting held this morning, accounts for the brevity of this letter.

Nor were we able to prepare this week's Summary of Developments since all our research staff were in the field most part of this week, participating in the observation of the National Assembly Elections. Hence, next week's document will be a fortnightly.

The following topics might be referred to briefly:

OBSERVATION OF ELECTIONS

For the third time in three months, UNCURK engaged itself in ballot observation, this time in connexion with the National Assembly Elections of 27 February.

At this morning's meeting, members of the Committee exchanged views of their observation but did not adopt the customary press release concerning the Elections. They may do so subsequent to the next meeting, tentatively scheduled for 5 March, when the Committee will hear a representative of the Government on "alleged election irregularities" reported in the local press.

The matter of the elections may warrant further reporting next week. However, most circles agree that with its 73 seats, augmented by the election of another 73 "sympathetic" Assemblymen by the National Conference for Unification on 7 March, upon Presidential recommendation, the DRP will have a comfortable majority in the new Assembly. However, in any case the Legislature is regarded to be dwarfed to a symbolic stature by virtue of the new Constitution which bestows upon the Executive Herculean powers.

Mr. C. V. Narasimhan
Chef de Cabinet
United Nations

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UN POLICY OF THE ROK

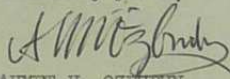
Even ranking Foreign Ministry officials seem to be in the dark regarding some contacts their Minister had during his current tour abroad -- particularly his discussion with Dr. Kissinger. The officials believe that, rather than informing the Ministry by cable, Mr. Kim Yong Shik this time is decided first to report to the ROK President exclusively. Many circles suspect that the afore-said discussion was most formative. He is scheduled to return to Seoul tonight.

Diplomatic observers feel that the Minister's chief mission among others, during his rather longish trip, was to probe prospects of another deferment of Korean items at the forthcoming UNGA. There appears near-consensus that he will not return with firm commitments for support or sponsorship for deferment (by the UK) which some had ventured were likely prior to his departure. Most sources agree that much would depend, in regard to the UN policy, on developments between now and September, in particular at meetings of the North-South Co-ordinating Committee and talks at the Red Cross level. The month of March may witness the resumption of formal discussions in both cases which have been delayed heretofore quite conspicuously.

It may be pointed out in closing that Foreign Ministry officials regret that the meeting of the Minister with the Secretary-General had to be cancelled but hope that this may occur in the near future.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,



AHMET H. OZBUDUN
Principal Secretary