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**Letter, Ahmet H. Ozbudun to C.V. Narasimhan,  
"UNCURK's Meeting with the ROK Foreign Minister"**

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**Summary:**

Ozbudun reports to Narasimhan on UNCURK's meeting with the ROK Foreign Minister and UNCURK session.

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Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

My dear Ahmet, The following topics may merit your attention:

UNCURK'S MEETING WITH THE ROK FOREIGN MINISTER

I have received your confidential letter No. 195 dated 20 July and taken note of its contents. The Principal Secretary of Foreign Minister Kim on 16 July.

With kind regards,

The Minister reiterated his press conference statement of 13 July (see my letter of last week) denying any intention of his Government to propose, or request others to initiate, the dissolution of UNCURK. As yours sincerely, he strongly felt that such a course, at this stage at any rate, would be most undesirable.

Mr. Kim went on to say that his Government was in the process of active consultations with C. V. Narasimhan, Chief de Cabinet, to determine the strategy and tactics for the future. He stressed that the ROK was most grateful for the contributions and the presence of the Commission. His Government's opposition to any initiation of a move to recommend UNCURK's dissolution would not be realistic, Mr. Ahmet H. Ozbudun "other side" had not positively responded to Principal Secretary of 23 June. In fact, the response had been very UNCURK. Nor was there any quid pro quo or counter-concession Seoul, Korea.

The Minister concluded that while his Government and its allies cc - Mr. Shevchenko a definitive UN policy, decision on such policy was not expected in the immediate future. He implied that work could occur between now and the next UNCA which might affect the final policy. He said that meanwhile he would remain in close contact with the Commission.

As Secretary of State Rogers concluded his two-day visit this morning (deemed highly significant), reports were not available as to any concrete or interim decisions.

What the foregoing suggests, as has been the case during the past fortnight, is that the "re-thinking" process is still in "full swing".

Mr. C. V. Narasimhan  
Chief de Cabinet  
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UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE UNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOREA  
(UNCURK)CONFIDENTIAL : No. 195

20 July 1973

Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

The following topics may merit your attention:

UNCURK'S MEETING WITH THE ROK FOREIGN MINISTER

The Representatives (other than the Thai) and the Principal Secretary attended a working-luncheon given by Foreign Minister Kim on 16 July.

The Minister basically reiterated his press conference statement of 13 July (see my letter of last week) denying any intention of his Government to propose, or request others to initiate, the dissolution of UNCURK. As a matter of fact he strongly felt that such a course, at this stage at any rate, would be most undesirable.

Mr. Kim went on to say that his Government was in the process of active consultations with friendly countries to determine the strategy and tactics for the UN Korean debate. He stressed that the ROK was most grateful for the contributions and the presence of the Commission. His Government's opposition to any initiation of a move to recommend UNCURK's dissolution would not be realistic, especially since the "other side" had not positively responded to the new ROK policy of 23 June. In fact, the response had been very negative. Nor was there any quid pro quo or counter-concession on "their" part.

The Minister concluded that while his Government and its allies were still studying a definitive UN policy, decision on such policy was not expected in the immediate future. He implied that much could occur between now and the next UNGA which might affect the final policy. He said that meanwhile he would remain in close contact with the Commission.

As Secretary of State Rogers concluded his two-day visit this morning (deemed highly significant), reports were not available as to any concrete or interim decisions.

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United Nations

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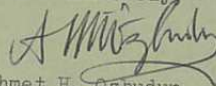
UNCURK SESSION

Because of the earlier-than-anticipated departures of two representatives on home leave, the date for the third Commission session for 1973 was advanced from 30-31 to 24-25 July. The members anticipate to sign UNCURK's yearly report next Tuesday or Wednesday.

The report will be probably shorter -- and submitted earlier -- than any of its recent "predecessors". Moreover, it might be basically factual and would omit any "concluding observations". However, it seems that this does not rule out the possibility of further reporting in the form of an addendum (or supplement) to the yearly report as could theoretically be submitted between now and the twenty-eighth session: UNCURK has done this four or five\* times in the past.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Ahmet H. Ozbudun  
Principal Secretary

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\* I investigated the matter and found five precedents for such addendum or supplement, respectively as follows: A/4466/Add.1 (18 September 1960); A/4900/Add.1 (4 December 1961); A/5213/Add.1 (19 November 1962); and A/5512/Add.1 (Two parts: First Addendum of 21 November 1963 and Second Addendum of 29 November 1963)