

February 29, 1972
**Letters, David B. Vaughan to C.V. Narasimhan and
the Secretary-General**

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Vaughan sends Narasimhan letters concerning UNCURK's budget and United Nations Cemetery in Pusan.

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DATE: 29 February 1972

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Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea (UNCURK)

Mr. Lantry would like to give this to you in response to your request to obtain this information concerning UNCURK.

BF 15 July 1972
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In your request, here follow a few basic items summarized for your convenience, regarding

Funds required to finance UNCURK have been approved annually. The Secretary-General presented this to the General Assembly, after consideration by the Committee, approved \$291,100 representing 100% of the budget. This decision was based on the recommendation of the Committee to reduce the local staff

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In the Office, the Principal Secretary is now being transferred to the ROK Government to compensate for this vacancy since the maintenance of its building in Seoul. We have received no indication of the amount of the budget but are informed that the ROK Government has been paying for this staff as of 1 January 1972.

- Staff and related costs for 1972 amount to \$253,700. This budget provides for three professional posts, five administrative and technical services personnel and twenty local staff, i.e. a total of twenty-eight staff members.
- An amount of \$7,600 provides for travel and subsistence of the five members (Australia, Netherlands, Philippines, Thailand and Turkey) of the Commission for meetings in Seoul and Tokyo as well as for field trips to observe local conditions in Korea.
- The balance of the budget, amounting to \$29,800, provides for all general supplies and services required for the operation of the mission.

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

MEMORANDUM INTERIEUR

TO: Mr. C. V. Narasimhan
A: Under-Secretary-General
Chef de Cabinet

DATE: 29 February 1972

REFERENCE: CONFIDENTIAL

THROUGH:
S/C DE:

FROM: David B. Vaughan
DE: Assistant Secretary-General
Office of General Services

SUBJECT: United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation
OBJET: of Korea (UNCURK)

1. In accordance with your request, here follow a few basic budgetary data, which I have summarized for your convenience, regarding UNCURK.

2. As you may know, the funds required to finance UNCURK have in the past run around \$300,000 annually. The Secretary-General requested \$298,300 for 1972 but the General Assembly, after considerable discussion in the Fifth Committee, approved \$291,100 representing a cut in the amount of \$7,200. This decision was based on the recommendation by the Advisory Committee to reduce the local staff by eight.

3. As agreed with your office, the Principal Secretary is now making arrangements with the ROK Government to compensate for this loss in staff by having it finance the maintenance of its building which UNCURK is using. So far we have received no indication of the specifications of this arrangement but are informed that the ROK Government has been paying for this staff as of 1 January 1972.

4. Staff and related costs for 1972 amount to \$253,700. This provides for three professional posts, five administrative and technical services personnel and twenty local staff, i.e. a total of twenty-eight staff members.

5. An amount of \$7,600 provides for travel and subsistence of the five members (Australia, Netherlands, Philippines, Thailand and Turkey) of the Commission for meetings in Seoul and Tokyo as well as for field trips to observe local conditions in Korea.

6. The balance of the budget, amounting to \$29,800, provides for all general supplies and services required for the operation of the mission.

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

MEMORANDUM INTERIEUR

TO: The Secretary-General
A:

DATE: 22 February 1972

THROUGH:
S/C DE:

REFERENCE: _____

FROM: David B. Vaughan
DE: Assistant Secretary-General
Office of General Services

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SUBJECT: United Nations Cemetery, Pusan, Korea
OBJET:

1. You have expressed your strong desire to eliminate from the regular budget "controversial items" and in this connexion, you mentioned the United Nations Cemetery in Pusan, Korea.
2. As you may know, the total estimate in the United Nations budget for this is about \$80,000 per year. This is such an insignificant amount it would appear possible to establish a separate account to which "voluntary contributions" could be made by the countries whose dead repose in the United Nations Cemetery.
3. There are 2,267 graves of nationals from eleven countries (with fifteen non-belligerents and unknowns) which cost an average of about \$35.00 per year per grave to maintain. Five countries account for 2,122 of these but if all countries concerned were to make a contribution on this basis it would be roughly:

<u>Country</u>	<u>No. of Graves</u>	<u>Contribution</u>
United Kingdom	884	\$31,000
Turkey	462	17,000
Canada	378	13,000
Australia	281	10,000
Netherlands	117	4,000
France	44	1,500
Republic of Korea	36	1,200
New Zealand	34	1,200
South Africa	11	350
United States	4	150
Norway	1	35
Non-belligerents	11	-
Unknown allied soldiers	4	-
Total	<u>2,267</u>	<u>\$79,435</u>

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4. If the countries concerned were not willing to accept this formula of payment, I think it is conceivable that the Republic of Korea itself might be approached to contribute to the account the total amount required. The Republic of Korea has made significant contributions to the Cemetery in various forms already and it is considered there almost as a shrine. Last year there were 147,000 visitors to the Cemetery and there have been a total of almost 655,000 visitors since its establishment in 1960.

5. You might want to consider the practicality of this idea or something comparable, if you think it politically feasible.