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Summary:

Ozbudun sends Narasimhan a letter reporting on two meetings in Washington DC between ROK Foreign Minister Kim Yong Shik and US Secretary of State William P. Rogers.

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ROK FOREIGN MINISTER'S CONTACTS

Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

The highlight of this rather uneventful week is a report on two meetings in Washington D.C. between ROK Foreign Minister Kim Yong Shik and US Secretary of State William P. Rogers, respectively on 23 and 25 April 1972. The first is to be an informal one for a Sunday golf game and the second an official get-together on Tuesday next.

Koreans attach much significance to the meetings in anticipation that they might cover a long agenda including such vital topics as a joint strategy for the twenty-seventh UNGA session; US military aid to the ROK; recent international developments, particularly the Sino-American summit talks; the June security meeting in Colorado between the two countries; the withdrawal of ROK troops in Viet-Nam; etc.

I will naturally inform you further if and when worthwhile reports on the discussions become available.

Meanwhile, I would like to note that the impending call of Minister Kim on the Secretary-General on 24 April was reported for the first time in the Korean Press today. The news items speculated that topics of discussion might include the forthcoming UNGA session, including the question of the invitation to both Seoul and Pyongyang to participate in a Korean debate.

Apparently, Mr. Kim has been quite active at the UNCTAD session in Chile, particularly contacting his counterparts on the Korean question. He is expected to meet with a number of Permanent Representatives in New York on the same issue.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ahmet H. Ozbudun".

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