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UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE UNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOREA
UNCURK

CONFIDENTIAL No. 153

21 August 1972

CONFIDENTIAL Narasimhan,

28 August 1972

I am pleased to submit herewith six signed copies of UNCURK's report which was signed by the Commission on 18 August 1972, together with the covering letter and the letter of transmittal addressed to the Secretary-General by the Chairman of UNCURK. The text of the letter of transmittal was cabled to you on the day of signature along with

Dear Ahmet, the Commission's press release on its recent session.

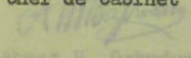
I have received your confidential letters of 19 August and 21 August, the former headed "visit with the ROK President" and with the second with which you submitted UNCURK's report. They have both been numbered 153 but I wanted you to know both were received. The necessary action is being taken to process UNCURK's report. The Commission's advance press release on the contents of the report will be forwarded to you soon and, with your approval and in accordance with past practice, will be issued simultaneously at UN Headquarters.

Yours sincerely,

the report.

With warmest personal regards,

C.V. Narasimhan
Chef de Cabinet


H. Gerdun
Principal Secretary

Mr. Ahmet Ozbudun
Principal Secretary
UNCURK
Seoul, Korea

Mr. C.V. Narasimhan
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New York

Report of the Commission
to the Secretary-General
dated 18 August 1972
Letter to the Secretary-General
dated 18 August 1972



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by the Chairman of UNCURK. The text of the letter of trans-
mittal was cabled to you on the day of signature along with
the text of the Commission's press release on its recent
session.

As you will note, the letter of transmittal takes into
account the fact that items relating to Korea have already
been included in the provisional agenda of the U.N.G.A.
Hence there is no request from the Secretary-General, along
the lines of the past two years, to withhold transmitting
the report to the General Assembly pending the inclusion of
other Korean items in the provisional agenda.

The Commission's advance press release on the contents
of the report will be pouched to you soon and, with your
approval and in accordance with past practice, will be
issued simultaenously at UN Headquarters and in Seoul with
an embargo, once a date is fixed by you for the release of
the report.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Ahmet H. Ozbudun
Principal SecretaryMr. C. V. Narasimhan
Chef de Cabinet
United Nations Headquarters
New York

6 copies of report
to Mr. Gazarian
with covering
letters to SC -

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(UNCURK)

CONFIDENTIAL No. 153

19 August 1972

VISIT WITH THE ROK PRESIDENT

Seoul, 18 August 1972

Dear Mr. Parasimhan,

In accordance with past practice, the President of the ROK
Your Excellency, visited the Executive Secretary of UNCURK
on the occasion of the Report Session, on 15 August 1972.

..... I have the honour to enclose herewith six copies

of the report of the United Nations Commission for the
Red Cross talks and the North-South dialogue. I had been reporting
on the progress of the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea, covering the

period from 6 August 1971 through 18 August 1972, the ROK's

..... together with the original letter of transmittal the
text of which was cabled to you on 18 August 1972. The ROK's
attitude toward another postponement of the Korean debate at the UNGA this
year; and (ii) accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest
consideration.

Expanding on the issues of the debate and Pyongyang's parti-
cipation, the President was utterly convinced that these would surely
introduce acrimony and thereby irreparably damage prospects of the
Red Cross talks and the North-South dialogue. He stressed, however, the inevitability of exchange and counter-exchange
between the two sides in the event of dual participation, noting that
the ROK would have to place emphasis on (i) the North's aggression in
1950; (ii) hostile acts and policies which it pursued ever since;
(iii) its non-legitimacy as a government (as compared to the North's
recognition by the UN as the only lawful government in Korea) and
its repudiation of the competence and authority of the UN to deal
with the Korean question.

His Excellency
Mr. Kurt Waldheim
Secretary-General of the

Mr. G.V. United Nations
Chief of United Nations Headquarters
United Nations
New York

Benjamin T. Tirona
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Chairman



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Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

In accordance with past practice, the President of the ROK received the Representatives and the Principal Secretary of UNCURK on the occasion of the report session, on 18 August 1972.

During the eighty-minute long visit, President Park Chung Hee inter alia reiterated the ROK Government's views on unification, the Red Cross talks and the North-South dialogue. I had been reporting on most of these from time to time.

Salient points made by the President included (i) the ROK's sincerity in its approach to the DPRK despite misgivings and apprehension regarding the latter's possible insincerity and ulterior motives; (ii) the Government's definitive opposition to double Korean membership at the UN; (iii) ROK's continued determination to work toward another postponement of the Korean debate at the UNGA this year; and (iv) the Government's strong objection to the DPRK's participation in any debate, if held.

Expanding on the issues of the debate and Pyongyang's participation, the President was utterly convinced that these would surely introduce acrimony and thereby irreparably impair prospects of the Red Cross talks and the North-South dialogue. Asked about the ROK's attitude if the debate took place and if representatives of Pyongyang were invited to participate, Mr. Park said that his Government had not yet decided whether it would then send its representative to the debate. He stressed, however, the inevitability of charges and counter charges between the two sides in the event of dual participation, adding that the ROK would have to place emphasis on (i) the North's aggression in 1950; (ii) hostile acts and policies which it pursued ever since; (iii) its non-legitimacy as a government (as compared to the ROK's recognition by the UN as the only lawful government in Korea); and its repudiation of the competence and authority of the UN to deal with the Korean question.

Mr. C.V. Narasimhan
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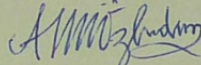
In conclusion, the President emphatically urged all States to postpone a Korean debate this year and to leave the Koreans alone to iron out their differences by themselves pending unification.

The report had been practically finalized before the visit with the President and Members of the Commission did not add to it considering that the report already contained appropriate reference to most points concerning the overall attitude of the ROK Government.

Other than the foregoing and the finalization of the report which is being presented in this special pouch under separate cover, this week has been relatively most uneventful.

With warmest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,



Ahmet H.H. Ozbudun
Principal Secretary