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Summary:

Park Chan Ook, president of the Rally for Arraignment of Chungnam People against the Third Tunnel Excavated by North Korea near Panmunjuom, denounces North Korea for constantly violating the Armistice Agreement, and requestes for saction against North Korea.

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Dear Mr. Park,

On behalf of the United Nations Secretary-General, I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 2 November 1978 addressed to him on the Korean question.

I would like to inform you that due note has been taken of its contents.

Sincerely yours,

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MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The Rally for Arraignment of Chungnam
people against the Third Tunnel
excavated by North Korea near
Panmunjom

November 2, 1978.

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Your Excellency the Secretary General,

We all Korean People are heartily grateful for your effort to make all the peoples in the world enjoy their lives in the atmosphere of freedom and peace. We Koreans repulsed the illegal invasion of the Communists with an assistance of the United Nation's Forces, and so we can not forget forever the bravery of the U.N. Forces to maintain the freedom and peace in this territory.

Mr. Secretary General of the United Nations! It is no doubt that the people in the world should like to live happily and freely.

Because Korea has been divided into two parts, Democratic and Communist regimes. But we have been in the immediate crisis under the Communist threat for almost thirty years.

In spite of the whole nation's opposal to the truce, the truce was reluctantly established. U.N. authorities have shown the luke-warm attitude to the North Korean communists who violate the Armistice agreement so frequently.

Since the Armistice agreement in 1954 there have been over 40,000 violations and provocations committed by the communist warmongers.

To the surprise of the people of the world, there was an ax-slaughter incident at Panmunjom.

Shortly after the 7.4 South and North Joint Statement in 1972, they began to excavate tunnels to invade us through them. Three tunnels were sought, but the U.N. authorities say there are more than 10 tunnels unfounded.

Our Korean people are much vexed to know their conduct.

There can be no negotiation, no agreement, no treaty, and no document because we know their vices very well.

Mr. Secretary General!

Though you may have known already, we will mention one cruel incident committed by them.

When the communist guerrillas infiltrated the eastern beaches of the South Korean peninsula, in November, 1968, their cruel deed brought massacre to a primary school boy, aged eight because the boy told them, "I hate communist".

How is it possible for the same people to do such terrible brutalities to a little boy? But we have endured and overcome them. Under such conditions as these, however, we offered them "the South and North Red Cross Conference", and as a result of this, "the South and North Conference" had been opened. And then we pursued mutual understanding and cooperation by announcing the 7.4 Joint Statement in 1972. In 1973, Korean government affirmed the diplomatical policies to obtain peaceful unification through President Park Jong Hee Declaration in June 23, 1973.

On the one hand when the North Korean People were short of food, we offered them to receive our surplus agricultural products because we have abundant harvest last year. Just as expected they refused our humane and ideal proposal, our government's and people's endless efforts.

Mr. Secretary General!

As it is well known we Koreans are not the warlike but the peace-loving people. Through the five thousand years we have never invaded our neighbouring countries.

On the contrary the prosperity and welfare have been the whole efforts of ours. It is true that we have achieved the prosperity and security through our efforts to make the people happy instead of war preparation since the signature of the armistice agreement. It is also true that our whole exertion is laid on the prosperity of our nation with the unified endeavour. The great efforts with blood, perspiration and tears will bear fruit someday without fail in Korea.

Mr. Secretary General!

There is a Korean saying, "promotion of virtue and reproof of vice". The virtue and vice may be clear to you who love the freedom and peace.

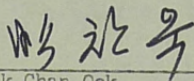
Instead of exporting technique and man power, they have been exporting narcotic and revolution. Your good decision will help to perform the mission to suppress the vices. The dispute will never be resolved at one time, but we hope that you will intervene in taking sanctions against North Korea's provocation, in warning them not to commit errors to harm the freedom and peace, and in helping them to join in a peaceful participation to the happiness of the world by responding to the

dialogue which are constantly asked by us under "The President Declaration"
in June 23, 1973.

Sincerely we hope your deep consideration and efforts will fall on
our consistent fervent desire to achieve peace.

Finally we pray that God's grace and guard will be yours, and that
your profound intention to bring welfare and prosperity will be
accomplished.

Sincerely yours,



Park Chan Ook
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