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Summary:

Based on Yugoslavian sources, a Romanian diplomat reports that Kim Yeong-ju may have met Henry Kissinger and Lee Hu-rak in Paris for discussions on U.S.-DPRK and inter-Korean relations respectively.

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On February 6, in a conversation with A. Lazar, Iordan Dinici, First Secretary in the Yugoslavian Embassy said that he possessed information according to which secret talks are taking place between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the United States of America and that the venue for these talks is Paris.

The Yugoslav interlocutor mentioned that Kim Yeong-ju [Kim Yong Ju] member of the Political Committee, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Korean Workers' Party, North Korean Co-president of the North-South Coordinating Committee (and brother of Comrade Kim Il Sung) has been in Paris for many months now, where he repeatedly met Henry Kissinger and other American officials and various South Korean officials, like Lee Hu-rak, the director of the South Korean Central Intelligence Agency.

Based on what we could notice, Kim Yeong-ju has been missing from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea since September 1972, and his absence is justified by invoking medical treatment abroad.

Signed: Dumitru Popa