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Letter, UNCURK Principal Secretary Zouheir Kuzbari to UN Chef de Cabinet C.V. Narasimhan, Concerning UNCURK's Third Session of 1969

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Summary:

Principal Secretary of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea Zouheir Kuzbari reports on UNCURK's third session of 1969 to Chef de Cabinet of the United Nations C.V. Narasimhan. In the session, UNCURK representatives reviewed the North Korean infiltration of ROK eastern and western coast, discussed political and security developments in UNCURK's second report of 1969, and the non-inclusion of the Korean question in the twenty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly.

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UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE UNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOREA
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Seoul, 19 June 1969

Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

The Commission's third session of the year was held in Sapporo, Japan, on 16 and 17 June 1969, and was attended by all the representatives except Ambassador Murshed who cabled me on 16 June of his inability to attend.

The representatives reviewed during the course of their discussions the domestic situation in the Republic of Korea and, in particular, the recent landings by armed north Korean infiltrators on the eastern and western coastal areas. Views were also exchanged with regard to the present situation in terms of big Powers' relations in the area. The representatives agreed that due attention should be given to the rapidly emerging conflicting views on the constitutional amendments and to the impact of such a development on the internal stability of the ROK. As to the landings by north Korean infiltrators on the western and eastern coastal areas, the members took a serious view of these repeated attempts and requested the Committee to keep a watchful eye on these developments.

The Commission also discussed UNCURK's second report of the year and agreed that it should be addressed to the United Nations Secretary-General in accordance with paragraph 5 of resolution 2466 (XXIII). As usual, the report is expected to be drafted by the Committee and submitted to the Commission for approval when the latter reconvenes again in Seoul on 5 and 6 September 1969.

The second report will cover major political and security developments in the ROK since 20 April 1969, the date of the submission of its last report to the Secretary-General.

I have to thank you for your letter of 10 June 1969 under which you sent me copies of the various memoranda exchanged with regard to the non-inclusion of the Korean question on the provisional agenda of the twenty-fourth session of the General

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Assembly and I have taken note of their contents. I entirely agree with the view as well as the study made by the Director of the General Legal Division that, since UNCURK's report has been sent to the Secretary-General in accordance with para. 5 of resolution 2466 (XXIII), there would be no necessity to include it on the provisional agenda of the forthcoming twenty-fourth session. However, I may add that the prevailing opinion of the Commission is that, should the situation deteriorate further and take a turn for the worst, it may at any time address a report to the General Assembly for its consideration of the Korean question.

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,



Zouheir Kuzbari
Principal Secretary