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**Letter, UNCURK Principal Secretary Kuzbari to UN
Chef de Cabinet Narasimhan**

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Summary:

Principal Secretary of UNCURK Zouheir Kuzbari writes Chef de Cabinet of the UN C.V. Narasimhan about the continued boycott of the NDP from National Assembly meetings, meeting between UN Secretary-General and Ambassador Kim Young Shik, and the UN Command's proposal to bring passengers of KAL YS-11 to a neutral territory to determine their release.

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Seoul, 27 March 1970

Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

Early hopes for the normalization of the work of the National Assembly appeared to have faded away because of the insistence of the opposition New Democratic Party to have its proposals for election law reforms primarily approved before attending any session of the legislature. Despite the continued boycott of the NDP, the cabinet and the ruling Democratic Republican Party announced on 27 March that an extraordinary session of the National Assembly will be convened on 6 April in order to discuss the supplementary budget bill. Thus the Government and its party seemed to have accepted the risk to unilaterally run the legislature for the sake of maintaining the appearance of a parliamentary regime. In the context of the local Korean politics, this measure is aimed at buying more time during which further bargains could be stricken with the NDP for their return to the National Assembly.

Several reports have been published in the local press about the meeting on 24 March between the U.N. Secretary-General and the ROK observer at the United Nations, Ambassador Kim Young Shik. The Dongwha News Agency reported that Ambassador Kim requested the Secretary-General to use his good office to secure the release of the remaining eleven Korean Air Lines' passengers reported to be still in north Korea. Pyongyang Radio broadcast last week statements attributed to some of those passengers who declared their intention to stay in the north.

During the 373rd Military Armistice Commission Secretaries' meeting at Panmunjom on 20 March 1970, the UNC side proposed to bring the eleven remaining passengers to a neutral place agreeable to both sides and, before an impartial third party, the eleven will be allowed to state whether they desire to remain in the DPRK or to return to the south. However, the Korean People's Army side on the MAC reiterated its earlier stand that the MAC has nothing to do with the Korean Air Lines' affair.

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Mr. C.V. Narasimhan
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The Committee of UNCURK

At the meeting of the Committee on 23 March, the Representative of Turkey, Ambassador B.N. Kestelli, made a new proposal regarding the submission of the Commission's report to the U.N. Secretary-General in 1970. The Committee agreed that instead of sending two reports to the Secretary-General (in mid-May and in August), it would be advisable to send one report to him at the end of August with an understanding that, should the Korean question be placed again on the agenda of the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly, the report should also be proposed for discussion. However, before taking any final decision on this matter, the Chairman requested me to informally explore the views of our Legal Department and consequently I am writing a letter to Mr. Stavropoulos, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

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With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,



Zouheir Kuzbari
Principal Secretary