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**Telegram from the Hungarian Embassy in
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Summary:

A report on a conversation with Bang Jong-gap regarding Kim Jong Il and the deterioration of party relations between Hungary and North Korea.

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Subject: The Korean Workers' Party's 6th Congress

During the Korean national celebrations on September 8, I had a conversation with Comrade Bang Jong-gap, the Korean Foreign Ministry's Hungarian referent.

Regarding Kim Il Sung's son, Kim Jong Il, he said that he is the real leader of executive party politics. In other words, guidance is from "The Great Leader" and Kim Jong Il is the executive leader. The referent added that this practice will be phrased publicly in some form during the congress.

Answering to my question regarding the "hundred-day battle", he said that his personal responsibility is to study the Korean-Hungarian relations in depth, make suggestions for eliminating fallbacks, and evaluate the existing situation in various fields.

An open question for him was "why our party relations had regressed with such a great extent in the last two years". He added that he cannot provide a satisfying answer in this matter to his urging leaders.

I pointed out in my response to Comrade Bang that the Hungarian Workers' Party's practice is not to engage in mere formalities and idling. Our party, as I said, welcomes collaboration frameworks that can be filled with meaningful content. My belief is, I added, that if the Korean side can provide these, then we will be able to establish a more fruitful program of cooperation than the current one.

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