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Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

The involvement of the ROK Government in the rapidly deteriorated situation in Cambodia has been the major topic of discussion this week. The Foreign Minister, Mr. Choi Kyu Hah, stated on 26 April 1970 that his Government would seriously consider assistance to the new Cambodian regime if a formal request is made. The Minister did not elaborate on the type of aid his Government is contemplating to give to Cambodia, but it was generally understood that they had in mind consulting other Asian governments in order to adopt a collective approach to Cambodian developments. The Minister's statement drew criticism on the part of the ruling Democratic Republican Party (DRP) whose spokesman, Representative Chang Kun Kim, stated on 28 April that, since Cambodia has no diplomatic relations with the ROK, it would be difficult to provide that country with any military support. The spokesman implied that, if the new regime in Cambodia removed the North Korean embassy in Phnompenh and established diplomatic relations with the ROK, then the South Korean Government would extend a support to Cambodia.

The suggestion made by the Indonesian Government to hold a conference of Asian countries in Djakarta on 15 and 16 May to deal with the Cambodian situation was discussed today between the Vice Foreign Minister of the ROK and the Indonesian Consul General in Seoul, but it seems that the ROK would only participate in the conference if the DPRK, which has also been invited to attend, would be excluded.

In the meantime, there is a feeling of unease among political circles here that the enlargement of conflict in South East Asia could possibly extend to this part of the World and affect the very delicate balance of power in the Korean peninsula.

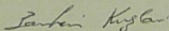
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As to the security situation here, the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) announced on 26 April that the North Korean guards on the western front along the DMZ had killed two South Korean armed agents who tried to infiltrated into the north through the western sector of the DMZ. Meanwhile, the Counter-Espionage Operations Headquarters (CEOH) in Seoul announced that the ROK forces had killed three North Korean armed infiltrators along the southern boundary of the DMZ.

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,



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