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President of the [Socialist Federal] Republic [of
Yugoslavia] J.B. Tito**

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Summary:

Kim Il Sung writes regarding the visit of the DPRK parliamentary delegation to Yugoslavia. He stresses the need to further strengthen relations through the DPRK's parliamentary delegation in Yugoslavia. He is grateful for Yugoslavia's support in the DPRK's fight for unification.

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/Translation/

Belgrade

TO COMRADE JOSIP BROZ TITO,
PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERATIVE
REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA

Dear Comrade President,

Guided by a desire to even further strengthen and develop the existing relations of friendship and cooperation between our two countries I am sending a government delegation to your country and I am sending you, Comrade President, friendly greetings and through you to your Government and the people of your country.

The government delegation of our country visiting the SFRY at the kind invitation of your country will give an explanation to you, Comrade President, regarding the recent situation in our country and the policy of our government for a peaceful resolution of the Korean problem and the questions of the development of relations between our two countries.

I express the hope that you, Comrade President, will devote deep attention to the work of the government delegation of our country.

In recent times both our countries have collaborated well with one another in the fight against the imperialist policy of aggression and war, and in defense of peace and security in the entire world.

The government and people of Yugoslavia support the just policy of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the unification of the Motherland without outside interference, independently, on a democratic basis, and by peaceful means, and also the struggle of our people to accomplish this.

Especially at the 27th UN General Assembly session just held your government together with the governments of many peace-loving countries became the co-authors of a new point, "Concerning the creation of favorable conditions to speed up the independent peaceful unification of Korea" and exerted great efforts to include [it] on the agenda and discussion of this question.

Such activity of your Government at the UN imparts an inspiring force to our people in the struggle to unite the Motherland.

Taking advantage of this occasion I express deep gratitude to you, Comrade President, and your Government for the support being given by the Government and people of the SFRY to the great cause of the Korean people in the name of the unification of the Motherland.

I am confident that you, Comrade President, and your Government will henceforth provide active support and solidarity with the struggle of our people for the independent peaceful unification of the Motherland.

Dear Comrade President,

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people are following the just struggle of the people of Yugoslavia to defend [their] independence and the gains of the revolution with great attention, and express support and solidarity with their struggle.

Again I give assurance that our Government and people will henceforth actively support the just cause of the Yugoslav people in the name of the consolidation of national independence for the good of the prosperity and development of the country.

In conclusion, I express confidence that the relations of friendship and collaboration between the peoples of both countries will continue to strengthen and develop on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism, and I wish you, Comrade President, good health and new successes in your noble work.

with the deepest respect,

PRESIDENT OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

KIM IL SUNG

Pyongyang 11 February 1973