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### **Letter from Kim Il Sung to Nicolae Ceausescu**

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#### **Summary:**

Kim Il Sung summarizes the achievements towards national reunification through the July 4th Joint Statement and informs Ceausescu that he will be unable to visit Romania due to matters concerning internal affairs.

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Bucharest  
To Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu  
General Secretary of the Romanian Communist Party  
President of the State Council of the Socialist Republic of Romania  
Dear Comrade Ceausescu:  
Noting with much satisfaction that the friendship and cooperation between our countries is developing in the right direction in all fields of activity, allow me please, Comrade Ceausescu, to convey to you my comradely greetings.  
Currently, the construction of socialism is developing in a sustainable way and we are achieving important successes in our fight for the reunification of the motherland, which is the desire of our entire nation. On July 4th, we published a joint statement. Concerning the joint declaration of the North and the South, Comrade Jeong Juntaek, deputy member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of our party and vice-president of the Ministers' Cabinet, will tell you and our Romanian comrades, on our mandate, the reason of his visit to Romania.  
On the occasion of your visit to our country, as well as on the occasion of the visit of Comrade Emil Bodnaras, in April of this year, you invited me to visit your country. I accepted the invitation happily and I wanted to visit your country, but I could not do it for reasons that deal with our internal affairs. I would like to apologize and I am sure that you and our Romanian comrades will understand. Moreover, I would like to let you know that I will do my best to visit your country when the right moment arises. Convinced of the development and strengthening of the friendship and cooperation between our people, on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism, and the international proletariat in its struggle against imperialism, I wish you even greater luck in your fight against imperialism, for the defense of the country and in your struggle for building a multilaterally developed socialist society.  
Comradely greetings,  
Kim Il Sung  
Secretary General of the Korean Workers' Party  
President of the Ministers' Cabinet in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea  
September 1972, Pyongyang

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