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**Summary:**

The status of relations between Pakistan and North Korea is discussed in this telegram. One point of concern between the two nations was how South Korea kept a consulate in Pakistan, which was about to be upgraded to the ambassadorial level. The Korean reunification question also was briefly discussed.

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The DPRK ambassador informed me about President Zia's coming visit in the DPRK, which is scheduled for October 23-24th. The visit was originally scheduled for 1980, but at that time it was canceled because of the death of President Tito.

The DPRK has set multiple aims with regard to the talks:

□□ The two countries traditionally maintain good relations, their high-level contacts are of a regular nature.

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□□ Kim Il Sung visited China just in the recent days, while President Zia is going to leave for [China] on 17th of the next month. The DPRK would like to broaden its relations with these two countries in a coordinated way.

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□□ South Korea maintains a consulate in Pakistan. The Pakistani leadership is ready to elevate this level [of diplomatic relations] to the ambassadorial level, which the DPRK seeks to prevent by all means. Pakistan's attitude indicates the growth of US influence, and, in the field of economic relations, [Pakistan] hopes to attain favorable commercial terms in the South Korean market.

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□□ The total volume of exports and imports is \$10 million, which is far lower than the potential opportunities. They consider it important to achieve a substantial broadening of trade relations.

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□□ The DPRK will emphasize the importance of national reunification, and sharply condemn the role that the USA plays in South Korea.

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[The two sides] are still conducting negotiations on the final agenda of the talks and the composition of the negotiating delegations.