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Summary:

The Romanian Embassy in Pyongyang notes that despite North Korea's policy of equidistance toward the USSR and the PRC, the DPRK in fact has tilted closer to China.

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On the occasion of a fare-well visit to Mioara Nanu, Third Secretary [illegible], the Third Secretary of the PRC Embassy in Pyongyang, referring to Korean-Chinese relations, pointed out that during 1977, these [relations] unfolded normally, in a generally positive direction, without any unusual [events].

Mentioning certain assessments made in the 'diplomatic world' about the equidistant policy promoted by the DPRK vis-à-vis the PRC and the USSR, the Chinese diplomat said that, in principle, the DPRK is trying to promote such a policy, but concrete, historical, and geographic conditions, make the DPRK visibly tilt towards Korean-Chinese relations. The Chinese diplomat showed that, during 1977, six Chinese delegations were received by President Kim Il Sung.

On these occasions, the DPRK President underlined [how] good Korean-Chinese relations [are], [emphasizing] the solidarity of the Chinese people with the Korean people, noting that 'in case of a war against the DPRK, China would, as it had done in the past, provide the backing of the Korean frontline.

[...]

Signed
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