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**Telegram, Embassy of Hungary in Yugoslavia to the
Hungarian Foreign Ministry**

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A telegram expressing the views of the Yugoslavians and the Chinese on the July 4 North-South Korean declaration.

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An official of the Yugoslav Foreign Secretariat made a statement in support of the Korean declaration [the joint North-South declaration of July 4]. According to the information received from a deputy of the foreign secretary, the leaders of the Yugoslav Foreign Secretariat were not surprised by the North Korean step, because the Korean [side] had informed them during the recent talks of the [Yugoslav and North Korean] foreign ministers. At that time, they were of the opinion that the DPRK considered itself stronger than South Korea, both in a political and an economic sense, and this is why it took the initiative more easily. [...]

The Chinese ambassador of this place called the [aforesaid] step a manifestation of the "wisdom" of Kim Il Sung, because in essence it is aimed at achieving the withdrawal of American [troops] from South Korea.

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