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**Letter, UNCURK Principal Secretary Nekunam to UN  
Chef de Cabinet Narasimhan, Concerning Eighth US  
Army Logistical Support to UNCURK**

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**Summary:**

Principal Secretary Ali Nekunam reports to Chef de Cabinet C.V. Narasimhan on the Eight US Army's extension of logistical support to UNCURK and enclosed a letter from Deputy Chief of Staff Allan G. Pixton to Political Affairs Officer Bedrich Syrový which details the extension.

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UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE UNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOREA  
Seoul - Korea

10 February 1967

Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

Having returned to my desk on 8 February after two months' leave, I wish to thank you for your kind letters of 13 December.

The most pleasant surprise upon returning to Seoul was receipt of notification by the Eighth U.S. Army that it will continue to grant UNCURK the logistical support it had enjoyed up to 8 February. A copy of the letter from Colonel Pixton and the attachment thereto is enclosed for your information.

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The delegations are not at all happy with the arbitrary manner which has limited the use of the facilities in question to the representatives on the Commission. This limitation is also a matter of embarrassment for the international staff, all of whom have received these privileges.

I have not yet had an opportunity to go deeply into this question, but I understand that an approach has been made to both sides with a view to rectifying the situation by having the use of the facilities extended also to the alternates, if not to the advisers as well. The letter will be considered by the Committee at a meeting scheduled for 14 February and some decision may be made as to the steps to be taken. My personal feeling is that if the two sides are approached with tact, patience and a reasoned attitude, there is a good chance for them to see the arbitrariness of their decision. The representatives on the whole are agreeable to this method of dealing with the problem and I am reasonably hopeful that we can succeed in getting complete satisfaction before long. In fact, Mr. Syrový has found the parties' attitude on this matter not too rigid.

Incidentally, it may please you to know that Ambassador Peachey commented very favourably on Mr. Syrový's performance during my absence.

As regards UNMCK, we are still waiting for a firm commitment from the Eighth Army authorities, although we have received a preliminary notification which leaves no ground for concern.

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Mr. C.V. Narasimhan  
Chef de Cabinet  
United Nations  
New York

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I am afraid I am not yet in a position to report to you in detail on the political situation here, though my readings in these last few days indicate that the atmosphere is calm and that both the combined opposition, which recently merged their parties into the New Democratic Party, and the majority DRP are marshalling their forces for the forthcoming elections.

Preparations are well in hand to convene the next session of the Commission at the New Ohtani Hotel. Reservations are also being made for the members of the delegations from Seoul and the Secretariat to stay at the same hotel. I shall be leaving a day or so earlier than 22 February to oversee the preparations and I should be most happy to meet Dr. Luke T. Lee and to render whatever services I can.

With kindest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Ali* Ali Nekunam  
Principal Secretary

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Dear Mr. Syrovj:

You are undoubtedly aware that representatives of the governments of the United States of America and the Republic of Korea have signed a Status of Forces Agreement which will enter into force 9 February 1967. This fact is of special interest to the members of UNCURK.

The agreement governs almost all aspects of relations between the Republic of Korea Government and the United States armed forces. Specifically, it prescribes that the United States Forces Korea will extend various privileges only to those persons or organizations which are members of, directly associated with, or in support of the United States Forces Korea. These privileges include the use of United States Military Payment Certificates, banking facilities, commissaries, post exchanges, clubs, messes, theaters, military post office, and various other facilities and services that the United States Government provides for the support of its military personnel, civilian employees, and their dependents.

For some time, the United States Forces have had the pleasure of providing these privileges to the members of UNCURK and its Secretariat. On behalf of the Commander, United States Forces Korea, I am pleased to inform you that the seven Representatives and the eight non-Korean members of the Secretariat of UNCURK will continue to enjoy the privileges they have had in the past. A list of these representative and secretariat positions with present incumbents is attached. Individuals who may subsequently occupy the positions indicated on the list will also be extended such privileges. On the other hand, I must inform you that effective 9 February 1967 all other members of the UNCURK staff will lose

the privileges that they may have enjoyed. Please be kind enough to notify the members of UNCURK and its Secretariat of the above information.

Personnel of the United States Forces Korea look forward to a continued close, warm and cordial association with UNCURK.

Sincerely,

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ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR THE ORIENT AND PAKISTAN

Seoul - Korea

Economic Affairs Officer

17 February

Dear Sir,  
Mr. T. ManoharanEnclosed please find a copy of the Summary of Developments  
Communications & Transportation Officer 1967.Mr. Kjell T. Skolem here, the newly formed opposition party, the  
New Democratic Party, and the Government Democratic Republican PartyAttache (Administrative) are anxious to express, if possible, on a  
basis of the forthcoming Presidential and NationalMr. Douglas F. Hedgecock While the DRP has not expressed  
outright rejection of this proposal, it does not favour it. It seemsAttache (Administrative) to accommodate the views of the opposition as  
to avoid creating the impression with theMr. Vasnid Sukonthabhund  
the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia and Minjung Parties.Attache (Administrative)Another which I should like to bring to your attention  
is Mr. Benjamin de Guzmanrepresentatives of the last of those in URCUK who will continue to  
have access to the facilities of the U.S. Army. I am attaching for  
your information some notes on my talks with people on both sides.The situation does not seem to be hopeless. The position taken by the  
U.S. Embassy is not really logical since it has taken the principal  
step of proposing the continuation of logistical support to URCUK. It  
can therefore be considered that the inclusion of the maximum of five  
alternatives is only a matter of detail which can be dealt with without  
much difficulty. I would appreciate having the benefit of your views  
on this matter.I will be leaving on Monday, 20 February, for Tokyo, i.e. a  
day earlier than the delegates, in order to see the progress of the  
preparations for the Committee session undertaken by the Information  
Centre and led by the Ambassador, in particular the Ambassador of  
Pakistan who will be the Chairman of the session. The meetings will  
last three and possibly four days. The main topics to be considered  
will be the observation of the forthcoming elections and preliminary  
exchanges of view on the 1967 report to the General Assembly.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

A. L. Khan  
Principal SecretaryMr. S. V. Narasimhan  
Chef de Cabinet  
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