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**Letters, UN Chef de Cabinet Narasimhan to UNCURK
Principal Secretary Kuzbari, Concerning ROK
Political Developments**

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Summary:

Chef de Cabinet of the UN C.V. Narasimhan acknowledges his receipt of a letter to U Thant from Principal Secretary of the UCURK Zouheir Kuzbari. Kuzbari's letter concerns the ROK constructed UNCURK building, North Korean infiltration, and student protests against the amendment of the Constitution.

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Dear Kuzbari,

Thank you for your kind letter of 24 June. I have noted its contents and also have shown it to the Secretary-General. He has agreed to your suggestion to send a letter of appreciation to President Park. I shall prepare this letter in the course of the next two or three days and send it to the President through you in due course, most probably by the next pouch. You will no doubt acknowledge it when it is received.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Chef de Cabinet

Mr. Z. Kuzbari
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COMMISSION FOR THE UNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOREA
(UNCURK)

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Seoul, 24 June 1969

Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

Pursuant to my cable No. 86 dated 23 June 1969 you may be interested to know that the dedication ceremony of the UNCURK new building which took place on 23 June was quite an impressive one. The ROK President Chung Hee Park himself has unveiled the plaque as well as did the tape cutting along with ROK Foreign Minister Kyu Hah Choi and Ambassador Allan H. Loomes, Chairman of UNCURK Committee. The brief ceremony was also attended by ROK high government officials, members of UNCURK and the diplomatic corps.

You may recall through our correspondence last year that the new building of UNCURK had been the pet project of President Park and he saw to it that it should be completed on time. The original plan called for a five-storey building but the government did not have enough funds to complete this project as planned. Consequently, they completed only two floors consisting of eighteen rooms and this meets our requirements. The government spent over a quarter of a million dollars on the present building and had no funds to install the airconditioning plant. However, I was promised by the Minister of Government Administration that the plant will be installed before the end of the year. In addition, the President instructed the Government to install a wall to wall carpet on the first floor as well as in the main conference room. Frankly speaking, we in UNCURK are quite overwhelmed with these gestures because we are aware of the high expenses especially in terms of rent that UNCURK could run into should we be looking for our own place. Personally, I feel that it might be a good idea if the Secretary-General could seize on this opportunity and address a letter to President Chung Hee Park thanking him for the contribution of his government for providing UNCURK with a place of its own.

Since the members of UNCURK Committee have returned to Seoul from the Commission's last session in Japan and they are busy assessing the new situation arising from an increased number of north Korean acts of infiltrations. Little information has been provided by the ROK government on these activities but it appears that the objective of the north Korean infiltrators in the western coastal

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areas of the ROK is to pin down and freeze the largest number of South Korean Security Forces. There had been also some scattered student rallies in various Korean universities in protest against the contemplated revision of the Constitution but it is too early to assess whether these student protests may spread further and lead to mass demonstrations.

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

Zouheir Kuzbari

Zouheir Kuzbari
Principal Secretary