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**Letter, UNCURK Officer-in-Charge Osman to UN Chef
de Cabinet Narasimhan**

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Summary:

In connection with the 20th anniversary of the Korean War, the governments of North Korea and South Korea have made statements on the requirements for unification. Additionally, North Korean agents infiltrated the ROK National Cemetery and attempted a bombing.

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UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE UNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOREA
(UNCURK)

Seoul, 27 June 1970

Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

On 24 June, Radio Pyongyang broadcast a statement issued by KCNA in connection with the 20th anniversary of the Korean 1950-53 War. The statement mostly repeated the proposals on the unification of Korea contained in the manifesto issued on behalf of the DPRK Premier, Kim Il Sung, on 3 June. The ROK Government reacted with an announcement that North Korea has not abandoned its scheme for the unification of the Korean peninsula by forceful communication. President Park Chung Hee in his message on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Korean war expressed this view again and stated "if the nation continues the present endeavour for a self-sufficient economy and self-sufficient defence posture for some more years, the gap of strength between the North Korean regime and the regime of the ROK would be widened to the extent that the North Korean regime will have to give up its aggressive scheme".

On 22 June, a number of North Korean agents infiltrated into the ROK National Cemetery in Seoul and attempted to plant a bomb on the roof of the Memorial Gate in the cemetery. The bomb exploded by accident and killed one of the agents. A large scale search has been launched for the others. According to CEOH, the agents intended to assassinate the government leaders who were expected to attend the Korean War anniversary ceremonies before the Memorial Gate on 25 June.

It seems that after a relative calm which prevailed this year, the number of incidents have increased suddenly from the beginning of June. The Director of CEOH, in a press conference on 23 June stated that since the beginning of the month there have been 7 incidents along the DMZ and 3 others in the rear area involving a total of 30 DPRK agents. The Director further stated that "since the beginning of 1970, North Korean infiltrators seemed to be concentrating on the organization of underground cells in the South in an attempt to infiltrate into all levels of the society..... to subvert the present ROK Government through social disorder". He also said that the infiltrators were now using more sophisticated arms and equipment, for instance, small speed motor boats in place of rubber boats, bombs with remote control, pistols with silencers, etc.

Yours sincerely,

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