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**Letter, UNCURK Principal Secretary Kuzbari to UN
Chef de Cabinet Narasimhan**

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Summary:

In the election campaigns, the NDP is focusing on the corruption of the DRP, and the DRP is focusing on continued economic and political stability with Park Chung Hee's third election.

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Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

The presidential election campaigns went into full swing this week and the major political parties have been holding public rallies in various provinces and towns across the country. The campaign strategies of both the Government's Democratic Republican Party and the opposition New Democratic Party seem to concentrate first on enlisting the support of the voters in those provinces leaving final stumping in the special cities of Seoul and Pusan towards the end of this month.

As the smoke of election campaigns thickens, it has become increasingly difficult to see through the real issues on which the majority of the voters will be called to decide. On one hand, the opposition New Democratic Party continues to press on the main issues of corruption, the perpetuation of power by President Park Chung Hee, social justice and better distribution of income among the masses. On the other, the ruling Democratic Republican Party is attempting to convey the impression that only through political stability which the present regime of the incumbent President has brought in since he came to power, the economic growth of the country will be further continued and enhanced.

As these issues are being debated publicly, the internal security of the country remains stable and there are no discernible signs that the elections could be upset either through external elements or student demonstrations. The Government's spokesmen have recently hinted on the possibility of an increased North Korean infiltrations into the Republic of Korea in order to disrupt the election atmosphere, but the United Nations Command sees no indications pointing out to such an occurrence. The recent release by North Korea of the 36 South Korean fishermen, abducted last year to the north, indicates certain gesture towards the Republic of Korea which should not be unheeded.

With warmest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

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