

**April 20, 1971**

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

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**Summary:**

UNCURK has unofficially assumed responsibility for the North Korean pilot Major Pak who crash landed in South Korea. If Pak should want to return to North Korea, UNCURK would be acting in its capacity to ease tensions between North and South.

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Seoul, 20 April 1971

Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

Further to my report dated 9 April 1971 on the case of the North Korean pilot, Major Pak Song Guk, with which UNCURK has been unofficially seized, I wish to advise that the matter was further discussed by its Committee on 19 April. The Representative of Turkey, Ambassador B.N. Kestelli, informed the members that in the view of his Government, if Major Pak is handed over by the Republic of Korea Government to UNCURK for verification of any statement indicating his willingness to return to North Korea, the Commission would then be acting within its competence to ease tension in the area. He cautioned at the same time that no step should be undertaken by the Commission in this regard unless it knows in advance of his willingness to go back to the North.

Other representatives stated that they are still waiting for instructions from their Governments on this matter.

With warmest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

Zouheir Kuzbari  
Principal SecretaryMr. C.V. Narasimhan  
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