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**Summary:**

A summary and analysis of Kim Il Sung's "September 9th Day" speech on reunification issue.

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□1. North Korean Puppet Kim Il Sung made the following speech on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the foundation of their so-called communist regime on September 9th, 1978. The following is its summary:

- a. North Korea leaves the door of dialogues open to the South Korean authorities as well as each political party of South Korea in order to peacefully address the reunification issue.
- b. However, South Korea has pursued the North-South talks on the purpose of division rather than reunification so far. As a result, the North-South talks discontinued due to South Korea's treacherous intention. The North-South talks should be resumed for reunification rather than division.
- c. If South Korea really wanted to resume dialogues with North Korea, she should change her policies from division to reunification and attitude from anti-communism to adopting a softer position on communism.
- d. South Korea needs democratization. She should abrogate the Yushin Constitution, abolish the anti-communist laws and the National Security Act, and allow communist political activities.

2. The overall analysis of Kim Il Sung's speech in the above is as follows:

- a. The North Korean puppets are shifting the onus of discontinuing the South-North talks on us and trying to create the impression that it has retreated from its previous rigidity for consumption in the international community. However, North Korea actually reiterates its old propagandas since she does not offer anything new regarding the inter-Korea talks and, by extension, peace and reunification in the Korean Peninsula.
- b. Ostensibly, Kim Il Sung seems to imply its intention of resuming the inter-Korea talks; fundamentally, he does not want to reopen talks because he repeats offers that South Korea could not accept. Thus, he tries to skillfully conceal his basic strategy toward South Korea for reunification through forceful communization.
- c. Kim Il Sung hopes offset North Korea's currently inferior diplomatic standing with the help of Communist China and revamp its diplomatic standing through the Non-Alignment Movement. Nevertheless, it would be difficult for North Korea to expect satisfying outcomes.
- d. North Korea has been demanding early withdrawal of the U.S. troops from Korea as well as a peace treaty with the United States. Moreover, she has been waiting for a

chance of having a direct negotiation with the United States in order to isolate South Korea.

3. Each overseas mission should take appropriate measures against North Korea's consistent and disguised peace propaganda, based on the analysis mentioned above, considering the atmosphere in the host country. All missions are expected to use this analysis when they give press release and briefings.

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