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**Information Report Sent by Károly Fendler to
Minister of Foreign Affairs Endre Sík, 'Conversation
with Comrade Kim, Interpreter of the Korean
Embassy'**

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Summary:

Report from Károly Fendler, the official in charge of Korea, to the Endre Sík, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, that the interpreter at the Korean embassy told him that the Central Committee of the Korean Workers' Party "considered the situation as ripe for the unification of the country."

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To Minister Endre Sík, D. Min. Károly Szarka.

On the evening of the 28th [...] I met Comrade Kim, the interpreter of the Korean Embassy with whom I have long had friendly relations. During the conversation, Comrade Kim mentioned the following:

[...] The head of the IVth Political Department [of the North Korean Foreign Ministry] told them that the Central Committee of the Korean Workers' Party "considered the situation as ripe for the unification of the country." [emphasis in the original] In reply to my question Comrade Kim said that they "are considering accomplishing it in the '60s", then called my attention to the increasing discontent in South Korea, which had been further aggravated recently by extremely great damage from a typhoon. In what follows he said that this very assessment had induced the Korean comrades to convoke the Supreme People's Assembly, the latter having passed the resolution and letter already known to us. For the time being the Embassy is fully occupied in working up the documents of the session, their Center [the Foreign Ministry] charged them with making it known as widely and actively as possible [...], to such an extent that even the staff of the commercial branch agency is carrying out tasks related to it. [...]

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official in charge of Korea