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Chef de Cabinet Narasimhan**

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UNCURK reports on their observations of the presidential elections, which were orderly and without violence.

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

Seoul, 30 April 1971

Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

The United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea met this afternoon under the chairmanship of the Representative of Australia, Ambassador A.H. Loomes, and discussed the results of the presidential election held on 27 April 1971. Leaders of the Commission's ten teams briefed the members on the findings of the election during their observation tours. After a general exchange of views, the Commission adopted a press release, a copy of which is herewith attached for your information.

...
The Commission decided to reconvene on 21 May to form its teams in order to observe the National Assembly elections which are expected to take place on 25 May.

With warmest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Zouheir Kuzbari in blue ink.

Zouheir Kuzbari
Principal SecretaryMr. C.V. Narasimhan
Chef de Cabinet
United Nations
New York

UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE
UNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOREAPress Release
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The United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea (UNCURK) has observed the presidential election on the 27th April 1971 in the Republic in accordance with its mandate from the General Assembly of the United Nations and in response to an invitation by the Government of the Republic of Korea.

The ten observation teams formed by the Commission to observe the presidential election were able to travel around country and were able to interview senior officials, election management committees, and representatives of the political parties, and were given unrestricted access to voting stations and vote-counting stations throughout the country in order that they might objectively observe the conduct of the election.

While charges of irregularities, alleged to have been committed both before and during the election, have been brought to its attention, the Commission was not in a position to verify the validity of these allegations. However, the Commission considers, on the basis and to the extent of its observation, that the election was conducted in an orderly manner and in accordance with the provisions of the relevant laws and regulations. The Commission was impressed by the fact that the election proceeded in a calm atmosphere and almost entirely without violence or disturbance.

The Commission wishes to take this opportunity to express its appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Central Election Management Committee, and its local committees throughout the Republic for the co-operation and courtesies extended to the teams in the performance of their duties during their observation of the election.

국 제 연 합 안 국 동 일 부 동 위 원 단

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대한민국 서울 발표

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대한민국의 요청이 되거 1971년 4월 27일 대한민국 내에서 실시된
대통령 선거를 관찰하였다.

대통령 선거를 관찰하기 위하여 동위원단이 구성한 10개 관찰반들은
국내 각지를 순방할수 있었으며 상급관미들, 각급 선거관미위원회, 그리고
각 정당 대표들과 면접할수 있었으며, 또한 객관적인 선거관찰을 할수
있도록 전국 각지의 무, 계표소에 무지간 출입을 할수 있었다.

선거이전 및 선거기간중 자행 되었다고 주장된 부정에 대한
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동 위원단이 관찰한 근거와 범위내에서는 선거가 질서있게 그리고
관객법정의 규정사항이 되거 실시되었다고 고백한다. 동 위원단은 선거가
조용한 분위기속에서 그리고 거의 아무런 폭력 또는 소동이 없이 진행
되었다는 사실에 감명 받았다.

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그리고 전국 각지의 산하 위원회들이 대하여 선거 관찰 기간중 관찰반들의
임무수행에 협조와 도움을 제공 해 준데 대하여 사의를 표 하고자 한다.