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**Letters between Shail Upadhya and C.V.
Narasimhan**

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Summary:

Upadhya sends Narasimhan a report on DPRK's admission to WHO and ROK's reaction to it.

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Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

North Korea's successful effort to gain entry into the WHO is being cited here as another manifestation of that country's intransigence towards the question of unification and the South-North dialogue. The campaign to vilify North Korea and discredit its intentions via & via the North-South dialogue

Dear Shail, progress here for some time with disclosures of North Korea's "armed provocations" at regular intervals.* Now it is being said here that by seeking admission to the WHO North Korea is trying to perpetuate the territorial division of the peninsula and thereby perpetuate the territorial division of the peninsula. Thank you for your letter of 25 May regarding North Korea's entry into WHO. Your various comments have been noted. North Korea runs diametrically opposite to the concept of unification which both sides had endorsed in the 4 July 1954 Communiqué. North Korea is therefore being portrayed here as being interested only in enhancing its international status at the expense of unification and totally uninterested in the North-South dialogue.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

As I have pointed out in my previous letters, South Korea has its own reasons for wanting to create an impasse in the South-North talks. North Korea's admission to the WHO has given the ROK an additional one.

C.V. Narasimhan

Thus, the prospects for the North-South dialogue seems to be even more bleak than before. It is now even more in the interest of the ROK to create an impasse in the talks in order to argue at the forthcoming UN General Assembly that decisions such as that taken by the WHO only undermine the progress of South-North talks.

Mr. Shail K. Upadhyaya
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* The most recent was on 17 May when ROK forces were said to have killed one of two North Korean armed infiltrators in the province of Cholla Namdo on 5 May.

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Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

North Korea's successful effort to gain entry into the WHO is being cited here as another manifestation of that country's insincerity towards the question of unification and the North-South dialogue. The campaign to vilify North Korea and discredit its intentions vis-à-vis the North-South dialogue has been in progress here for some time with disclosures of North Korean "armed provocations" at regular intervals.* Now it is being said here that by seeking admission to the WHO North Korea was trying to make the world acknowledge the existence of two Koreas and thereby perpetuate the territorial division of the country. It is argued here that a two-Koreas approach being pushed by North Korea runs diametrically opposite to the concept of unification which both sides had endorsed in the 4 July 1972 Joint Communiqué. North Korea is therefore being portrayed here as being interested only in enhancing its international status at the expense of unification and totally uninterested in the North-South dialogue.

As I have pointed out in my previous letters, South Korea has its own reasons for wanting to create an impasse in the South-North talks. North Korea's admission to the WHO has given the ROK an additional one.

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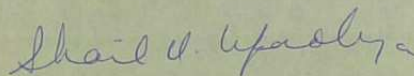
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Meanwhile, ROK officials are still numb with shock over the WHO decision. Foreign Minister Kim Yong Shik, who was away in Australia and New Zealand on official visits, hurriedly returned home following the WHO vote. He has so far not indicated what the ROK strategy in the forthcoming General Assembly is going to be in light of the WHO vote. But ROK officials are saying it is still too premature to rule out the deferment strategy which worked so well in the two previous years.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,



Shail K. Upadhyaya
Acting Principal Secretary