

February 29, 1972
**Letters, David B. Vaughan to C.V. Narasimhan and
the Secretary-General**

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Vaughan sends Narasimhan letters concerning UNCURK's budget and United Nations Cemetery in Pusan.

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DATE: 29 February 1972

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

MEMORANDUM INTERIEUR

TO: Mr. C. V. Narasimhan
A: Under-Secretary-General
Chef de Cabinet

DATE: 29 February 1972

REFERENCE: CONFIDENTIAL

THROUGH:
S/C DE:

FROM: David B. Vaughan
DE: Assistant Secretary-General
Office of General Services

SUBJECT: United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation
OBJET: of Korea (UNCURK)

1. In accordance with your request, here follow a few basic budgetary data, which I have summarized for your convenience, regarding UNCURK.

2. As you may know, the funds required to finance UNCURK have in the past run around \$300,000 annually. The Secretary-General requested \$298,300 for 1972 but the General Assembly, after considerable discussion in the Fifth Committee, approved \$291,100 representing a cut in the amount of \$7,200. This decision was based on the recommendation by the Advisory Committee to reduce the local staff by eight.

3. As agreed with your office, the Principal Secretary is now making arrangements with the ROK Government to compensate for this loss in staff by having it finance the maintenance of its building which UNCURK is using. So far we have received no indication of the specifications of this arrangement but are informed that the ROK Government has been paying for this staff as of 1 January 1972.

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TO: The Secretary-General
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DATE: 22 February 1972

THROUGH:
S/C DE:

REFERENCE:

FROM: David B. Vaughan
DE: Assistant Secretary-General
Office of General Services

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SUBJECT: United Nations Cemetery, Pusan, Korea
OBJET:

1. You have expressed your strong desire to eliminate from the regular budget "controversial items" and in this connexion, you mentioned the United Nations Cemetery in Pusan, Korea.

2. As you may know, the total estimate in the United Nations budget for this is about \$80,000 per year. This is such an insignificant amount it would appear possible to establish a separate account to which "voluntary contributions" could be made by the countries whose dead repose in the United Nations Cemetery.

3. There are 2,267 graves of nationals from eleven countries (with fifteen non-belligerents and unknowns) which cost an average of about \$35.00 per year per grave to maintain. Five countries account for 2,122 of these but if all countries concerned were to make a contribution on this basis it would be roughly:

| <u>Country</u> | <u>No. of Graves</u> | <u>Contribution</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| United Kingdom | 884 | \$31,000 |
| Turkey | 462 | 17,000 |
| Canada | 378 | 13,000 |
| Australia | 281 | 10,000 |
| Netherlands | 117 | 4,000 |
| France | 44 | 1,500 |
| Republic of Korea | 36 | 1,200 |
| New Zealand | 34 | 1,200 |
| South Africa | 11 | 350 |
| United States | 4 | 150 |
| Norway | 1 | 35 |
| Non-belligerents | 11 | - |
| Unknown allied soldiers | 4 | - |
| Total | <u>2,267</u> | <u>\$79,435</u> |

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4. If the countries concerned were not willing to accept this formula of payment, I think it is conceivable that the Republic of Korea itself might be approached to contribute to the account the total amount required. The Republic of Korea has made significant contributions to the Cemetery in various forms already and it is considered there almost as a shrine. Last year there were 147,000 visitors to the Cemetery and there have been a total of almost 655,000 visitors since its establishment in 1960.

5. You might want to consider the practicality of this idea or something comparable, if you think it politically feasible.