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- The Ambassador came to enquire about the Secretary-General's talks in Seoul and about any American reaction to the advances made by his government. The Secretary-General informed the Ambassador about his meetings in South Korea and said that he had conveyed the DPRK's views to the Acting Secretary of State as well as to President Carter.

- The Ambassador did not yet have a final reply to the Secretary-General's suggestions regarding an observer for the Korean dialogue. This matter was still being considered and he would inform the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

- Ambassador Han Si Hae referred to some negative press reports in the ROK about the Secretary-General's suggestions. According to these reports the ROK Foreign Minister had strongly denied that there was a question of good offices. He had also rejected the idea of tripartite [sic] talks. The Secretary-General said that it had been agreed to keep his suggestions confidential until a final answer was received by the DPRK. At no point the ROK officials had told him that they would propose the idea of trilateral talks.

- The Secretary-General informed the Ambassador that he had asked Mr. Perez de Cuellar to follow the Korean question.

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