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Summary:

Szabó Ferenc reports on the Hungarian Embassy's tasks regarding the upcoming 6th Congress of the Korean Workers' Party.

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Embassy

Subject: Embassy tasks regarding the KWP's 6th Congress

We addressed the embassy's tasks regarding the upcoming 6th Congress of the Korean Workers' Party with great care during the report given by the ambassador comrade and his diplomat colleagues on their summer vacation.

In the meantime there has been a decision that in response to the invitation of the Korean comrades, we will represent ourselves with a high ranking delegation at the congress. There is also a decision concerning the return of the ambassador comrade to his post: he will return on the private aircraft of the delegation.

Based on the summer reports and the above, I kindly ask you to pay increased attention to and report on the events concerning the KWP and the DPRK's international relations and their reactions to international happenings until the opening of the congress.

Please send the contents of major articles of the Korean press regarding the congress and inferences that can be made of these via telegram.

For the analysis of the international response to the events of Poland, please send a separate telegram describing the Korean reaction and opinions.

I ask the charge d'affaires comrade to view the accommodation before the arrival of the delegation, if possible.

Please also provide a weather forecast (from October 1) via telegram.

I am informing you that Comrade Etre asked Comrade Méhes in the name of the leadership of the office and the party to brief the colony.

In agreement with Comrade Etre, we ask you to order three extra copies of the Rodong Sinmun. National and local press reviews should also be prepared as usual, and based on the press, attach a catalog listing the arrived members and leaders of the foreign delegations with them.

Budapest, 1980 September 25

Szabó Ferenc Head of Department