

Report by the third secretary of the Bulgarian Embassy in Pyongyang, Ianakiev, to Bulgarian ambassador, Georgiev, concerning Ceausescu's visit to China

To

The Ambassador of the people's Republic of Bulgaria in the Korean People's Democratic Republic
Comrade Yancho Gueorguiev

R E P O R T

From Zahary Yanakiev – third secretary

Comrade Ambassador,

During my meetings with representatives of fraternal embassies in Pyongyang I understood the following:

1. An agreement had been reached between the party and governmental delegation led by Ceausescu and the government of China for granting a loan from China to Romania to the extent of 230 million US dollars.

2. According to collaborators of the Romanian embassy in Pyongyang, during the preparations for the visit of Ceausescu to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, the Vietnamese comrades had proposed it to be held in the autumn of this year with the reason that the situation in the country is arduous and [because of] the apprehension for the security of the delegation mainly because of the American bombings. In response the Romanian side declared that the USA would pay attention to the presence in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam of such a high delegation and had insisted the visit to be held at the moment.

[...]

4. The Romanian party and governmental delegation led by Ceausescu had turned with a request to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and to the Government of the USSR to go to Moscow on its way to Romania after its visit to China, North Korea, the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and Mongolia, and to talk with the leaders of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the USSR, to which the Soviet side has not yet responded.

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7. In connection with the tenth anniversary of the Treaty between the Korean People's Democratic Republic and Chinese People's Republic the Korean side has invited a Chinese delegation.

China from its part has also invited a [North] Korean delegation to visit the Chinese People's Republic on the same occasion.

8. Some representatives of the fraternal legations think that the visit of a group of American table-tennis players to China and the Chinese policy towards the USA is not approved by the [North] Korean comrades. This arouses the idea that the leadership of the Korean Labor Party and the Korean People's Democratic Republic will return to the same positions of 1968.

9. Recently, the [North] Korean ambassador in Moscow has been called to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR where he received the protest of the Soviet side against the circulation of the Chinese magazines "China" and "Hunxi" in the Korean People's Democratic

Republic, which contain articles with anti-Soviet content. The Korean ambassador couldn't give any reasonable answer.

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