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The First Secretary of the Embassy of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea [to Moscow] said the following:

1. Internally, festive gatherings will be organized in Pyongyang and other cities where the life and activities of comrade Kim Il Sung will be evoked.
2. The Academy of Science will hold a session of communications.
3. Texts regarding the event will be published, and they will be released in foreign countries.
4. The embassies of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will hold press conferences, film galas, receptions, expositions etc.
5. On the occasion of the anniversary, all the children in kindergarten, the students – basically all those who study in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea – will receive free clothing and footwear, lingerie, costumes, caps. This way, every family will benefit with help from the country.
6. Delegations from foreign countries will not be invited to the capital of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the manifestations organized for the anniversary of Kim Il Sung, but the delegations of friendly parties and countries that wish to congratulate Kim Il Sung are welcome [to come].

Considering that in 1972, the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of USSR awarded Comrade Kim Il Sung with the "Lenin Order" and it hasn't been handed to him yet, because the [North] Korean leader hasn't visited Moscow, Ri Ju-yeon [Ri Ju Yon] said that the Soviet comrades may either grant a new distinction, or send a Soviet delegation to Pyongyang, to congratulate Kim Il Sung.

He also mentions that friendly countries might grant some distinctions to comrade Kim Il Sung.

In this context, Ri Ju-yeon [Ri Ju Yon] mentions the high appreciation and consideration of Romania towards Kim Il Sung, the militant solidarity, the close collaboration between the two parties, and the personal relations of mutual respect between comrade Nicolae Ceausescu and Kim Il Sung.