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During a discussion with Ambassador Dumitru Popa on September 22, the North Korean Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Ri Jong-mok recounted that Vice Premier Heo Dam is to head for New York in a few days to participate at a meeting with Ministers of Foreign Affairs from the Non-Aligned countries.

We inform that the diplomatic corps in Pyongyang – East German, Hungarian, Polish, and Czechoslovak diplomats – have commented, during discussions with Romanian diplomats, on the possibility that Heo Dam's visit may, among others, aim to counter the intense activity of the South Korean Minister of Foreign Affairs, who has been in New York for several days.

Many diplomats have particularly noticed the commentary of a Japanese radio station, according to which Heo Dam is the first Korean Premier to receive an entry visa to the US. It is assumed that such a gesture on behalf of US authorities represents a change in the American position towards the DPRK.

Our Embassy believes there is no conclusive evidence of this alleged change.

Signed: D. Popa