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I think we had a very productive meeting, and I expect we will be able to build on this start during my stay and on later occasions. We reviewed our mutual efforts to ensure peace and prosperity on the Korean peninsula, and I renewed to President Kim the absolute firmness of the American commitment to Korea's security. We devoted particular attention to the issue of North Korea's nuclear program, and agreed to continue our extremely close cooperation on this subject. I think it would be fair to say that both of us are quite cautious about North Korea, but we are willing to test that country's willingness to take the path of cooperation in the context of a full resolution of the nuclear issue.

We also discussed the importance of working together to expand trade and bring the Uruguay Round to a successful conclusion as soon as possible this year. I was quite encouraged by President Kim's description to me of his plans to deregulate and liberalize the Korean economy, and I promised to assist in any way we could in this process. We agreed that we should work together to strengthen our economic partnership. To this end, we will initiate a broad-based dialogue to address economic deregulation, particularly as it affects the U.S.

business community, and explore ways to enhance our economic cooperation. We agreed to instruct our senior advisors to begin this dialogue immediately and report back to us.

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