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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 19, 1996

Dear Mr. Metersky:

Thank you for your kind letter about our efforts to resolve POW/MIA issues with the government of North Korea. I delayed replying until I was certain that Al Liotta's talks in P'yongyang were successful, and I am pleased to inform you that they were.

On July 10, a U.S.-DPRK joint recovery team will proceed to Unsan County in North Korea to begin investigations relating to an aircraft downed in the Korean War, in hopes of recovering the remains of American MIAs. Another joint operation will take place in September at another aircraft crash site in Nampo City. These will be the first in what we hope will be a series of joint operations to return the remains of American soldiers lost during that conflict more than 40 years ago.

President Clinton's pledge last year to work for the accounting and return of remains of American POW/MIAs from the Korean War is beginning to become a reality, and we share your satisfaction that the North Korean government is beginning to cooperate with us in a fruitful way.

I would be remiss, however, if I did not remind you that dealing with P'yongyang can be a frustrating and discouraging experience, and we should not expect the path ahead to be smooth. But we will continue to devote our best efforts to making this work successful, and welcome your advice and assistance in doing so.

Thank you again for writing. I will pass on your appreciation to the people you cited.

Sincerely,



Anthony Lake
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

Mr. Frank Metersky
Co-Chairman
POW/MIA Committee
The Chosin Few
220 East 72nd Street
New York, NY 10021-4523

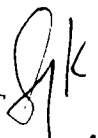
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June 17, 1996

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MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: SANDRA J. KRISTOFF 

FROM: ROBERT L. SUETTINGER 

SUBJECT: Letter to The Chosin Few on POW/MIA Issues with
North Korea

Attached at Tab A is a letter to Frank Metersky, Co-chairman of the POW/MIA Committee of The Chosin Few, a Korean War Veterans organization that has been active in urging the U.S. government to undertake POW/MIA remains recovery with the government of North Korea. Metersky's letter is a very warm and heartfelt thank-you letter to you, the President, and others who have worked on this issue over the past three years.

Your letter thanks him for his kind words, reiterates the President's commitment to bringing home the remains of American MIAs, and cautions that the road ahead with North Korea may include many difficulties and frustrations.

Concurrence by: Joe Sestak 

RECOMMENDATION

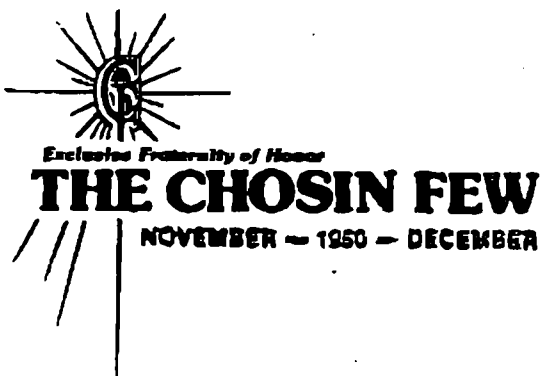
That you sign the letter at Tab A.

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Tab A Letter to Frank Metersky

Tab B Incoming Fax Correspondence

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PLEASE STAFF to
Bob Suettinger

June 4, 1996

Hon. Anthony Lake
National Security Council
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Lake,

Approximately one year ago President Clinton stated in his speech at the dedication of the Korean War Memorial "I have not forgotten our country's debt to the MIA's or their families and will never stop working toward the day when they can be brought home". The President further urged the leaders of North Korea to work with us to resolve those cases.

Mr. Lake, as you well know, this will become a reality when the U.S. Delegation headed by Mr. Al Liotta of the POW/MIA office at D.O.D. returns from Pyongyang with the date and site (approximately June 16th) for the first historic "Joint Operations" for return of remains from North Korea. This historic event would never have happened had it not been for President Clinton's and your dedicated commitment to resolve the POW/MIA issues of the Korean War.

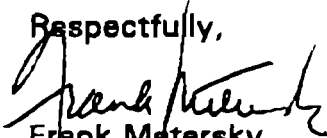
This occasion calls for some type of meaningful event to give full recognition to President Clinton, yourself and the other members of our government who worked so tirelessly to bring this about. A ceremony at the memorial site or the White House should be held to commemorate this occasion. The "Joint Operation" to be held in July will be the first of many that will bring home thousands of our honored dead from North Korea. This event would send a positive message to the North Korean government that their cooperation on this issue will significantly improve relations between our two countries.

Mr. Anthony Lake

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On behalf of the "Chosin Few" organization, I wish to personally express my heartfelt thanks to President Clinton and yourself. Finally, our fallen comrades will be returned from the cold and desolate ground of North Korean to their loved ones and will be buried in their native soil with the honor they deserve for making the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country.

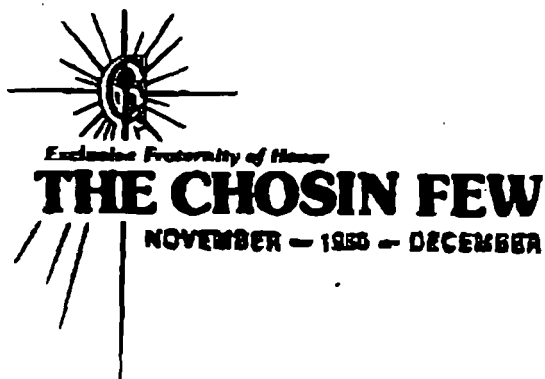
Respectfully,



Frank Metersky
Co-Chairman POW/MIA Committee
220 East 72nd Street
New York, NY 10021-4523

Tel: (212) 570-9575

Fax: (212) 570-5787



The following list are those who deserve recognition for their work and support of this effort:

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Mr. Al Liotta
L/C Marty Wisda, USA
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North Korea May Still Hold P.O.W.'s, Inquiry Suggests

By PHILIP SHENON

WASHINGTON, June 14 — A Defense Department report has concluded that as many as 15 American soldiers taken prisoner during the Korean War are still alive in North Korea and that several may want to return to the United States.

The internal report, dated March 26, contradicts the Pentagon's earlier statements that it was unlikely that many American soldiers might still be alive in North Korea. Instead, it describes a "recent flurry" of "very compelling reports" this year that American prisoners are still being held.

A Defense Department spokesman, Sam Grizzle, confirmed the authenticity of the document, which was made available to reporters by a member of Congress, but said it did not reflect the formal views of the Pentagon.

"We've never ruled out the possibility of P.O.W.'s, but we've never ruled it in," he said. "The memo is unsigned and as far as I'm concerned, this is a draft memo."

The Pentagon has said in the past that it had compelling evidence only that two American defectors — not

nan, a California Republican who has alleged that Pentagon investigators failed to follow up on evidence suggesting that Americans soldiers might still be held in North Korea, Vietnam and other former war zones.

A spokesman for Mr. Dornan, Al Santoli, said in an interview that the report had been turned over by Pentagon officials sympathetic to his efforts to pursue information about Americans missing in Korea.

The issue was stirred up several months ago by reports in the South Korean press that American war prisoners were alive in North Korea. The Pentagon described the reports at the time as either false or wildly exaggerated. "We have no knowledge of live prisoners of war being held back since the Korea War," a Defense Department official said in January.

Kenneth Steadman, director of national security and foreign affairs for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the nation's largest veterans group, said today, "We've been watching this carefully for 40 years, and have not seen any evidence of any live Americans held as prisoners of war" in North Korea.

"I would hope that it's true," he said of the Pentagon report.

While Mr. Lee's report offers nothing like conclusive evidence that Americans are being held against their will in North Korea, it cites "a variety of additional sightings reports" in recent years suggesting that many Americans prisoners of war may still be alive.

"Several defector reports cite that there have been numerous Americans teaching English and American customs at the foreign-language department in Amnonggang College or a military reconnaissance school in Pyongyang," the report said. "These English language instructors are sometimes identified as U.S. defectors, but more frequently as 'American P.O.W.'s."

The report also cited the account of a Romanian-American, identified only as Mr. Oprica, who worked in a North Korean factory in the 1970's.

According to the report, Mr. Oprica told the Pentagon in 1988 that during a sightseeing trip around North Korea in 1979, "the bus driver appeared to be disoriented and drove the bus through a collective farm" where Mr. Oprica saw "7-10 Caucasians, including one individual with blue eyes, working in the fields."

"The workers appeared to be in their 50's," the report said. "Mr. Oprica was told by a female passenger that the Caucasian farmers were American prisoners of war." While the report said Mr. Oprica was not able to recall the woman's name, Pentagon investigators last year tracked down another Romanian passenger on the bus who "confirmed seeing Caucasians working on a farm."

15 G.I.'s may still be working under guard in North Korea.

prisoners of war — are still alive in North Korea.

The March report was marked "for official use only" and was prepared by a Defense Department investigator, Insung O. Lee; he did not return phone calls today to his office in Washington. Officials described Mr. Lee as a veteran investigator with the Office of Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Affairs, a Pentagon agency.

The two-page report bases its conclusions on sightings by North Korean defectors and visitors to the long-isolated nation.

"There are too many live-sighting reports, specifically observations of several Caucasians in a collective farm by Romanians and the North Korean defectors' eyewitness of Americans in D.P.R.K., to dismiss that there are no American P.O.W.'s in North Korea," it says, referring to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The report says the evidence suggests that American prisoners are living in group compounds in Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, and its suburbs, and that their movements "are apparently controlled by the North Korea Government."

The document was made available by Representative Robert K. Dor-

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BALKAN ARMS ACCORD

Carrying out an important sit the Balkan peace accord, the mer warring parties sign sweeping agreement that sets its on the types and number weapons each side can have.

Croats, Muslims and mod Serbs remain fearful in Bosnia.

FOUR-STAR MOVE IN RUSSIA

With his presidency at stake in tions on Sunday, Boris N. Ye took a dramatic and unabash political step to insure the sup of Russia's top military chiefs, moting all five of them.

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Four weeks after President Clinto endorsed Wisconsin's plan to abo ish welfare, Administration official say they now have doubts abou some of its main provisions.

TURNING POINT IN MONTANA SIEGE

In assessing of the peaceful endir to the Freemen siege in Montana, Government official said criticism of the group by sympathetic mediators "was our first big break." l Much contrariness was expresse by the Freemen in court.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

FROM: SANDRA J. KRISTOFF *X/*
SUBJECT: Press Reports on MIAs in North Korea

You asked for a brief information memo to the President commenting on recent press reports about sightings of American service personnel from the Korean War living in North Korea.

The memo at Tab I reports on this issue.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo to the President at Tab I.

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Tab I Memo to the President
Tab A Press Report

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Dear Mr. Lake,

Could you please have me updated
as to the precarious negotiations with the
North Koreans re: our 8,177 MIA's/POW's.

It is a constant ache for me to
consider their fate, especially in the
early hours of the morning. ~~That~~ became my comrades

Last July at the dedication of the
splendid Korean war memorial both
President Clinton and President Kim
promised that the POW/MIA matter
would be pursued with the
obstrepous North.

Thank you for your time.

God bless you in your work.

Respectfully,
Leo Alvares

(SGT. USMC, 1177901)
Feb 1951 - Feb 1954
1st Marine Division

Leo Alvares
11 Saybrook Rd.
Framingham, MA 01701
God Bless You

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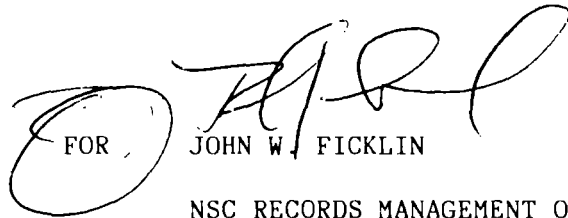
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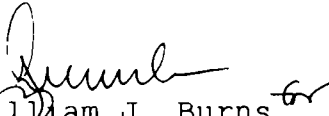
August 9, 1996

UNCLASSIFIEDMEMORANDUM FOR ANDREW D. SENS
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Subject: Report on North Korean Compliance with the Agreed Framework

PL 104-107, enacted February 12, 1996, requires that the President report every six months thereafter to the Appropriations Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate concerning: (a) the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization's (KEDO) designation of a Republic of Korea company, corporation or entity for the purpose of negotiating a prime contract to carry out construction of the light water reactors provided for in the Agreed Framework; (b) the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea's maintenance of the freeze on its nuclear facilities as required in the Agreed Framework; and (c) U.S. steps to assure that progress is made on (1) North-South dialogue, including efforts to reduce barriers to trade and investment, such as removing restrictions on travel, telecommunications services and financial transactions; and (2) implementation of the January 1, 1992, Joint Declaration on the Denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.

The attached draft memorandum from the President to the Secretary directs the Secretary to submit the attached report concerning the matters addressed in the above paragraph and to cause the report to be published in the Federal Register.


William J. Burns
Executive SecretaryAttachments:

- (A) Draft memorandum from the President to the Secretary of State
- (B) Report on North Korean Compliance with the Agreed Framework

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The White House
Washington, D.C.
Presidential Determination
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBJECT: Report Under the Heading "International Organizations and Programs" in Title IV of the Foreign Operations Appropriations Act for FY 1996: U.S. Contribution to KEDO.

Pursuant to the requirements set forth under the heading "International Organizations and Programs" in Title IV of the Foreign Operations Appropriations Act, 1996 (P.L. 104-107), a report is required every 6 months following enactment concerning:

a) the designation by the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO) of a Republic of Korea company, corporation or entity for the purpose of negotiating a prime contract to carry out construction of the light water reactors provided for in the Agreed Framework;

b) the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea's maintenance of the freeze on its nuclear facilities as required in the Agreed Framework; and

c) U.S. steps to assure that progress is made on (1) the North-South dialogue, including efforts to reduce barriers to trade and investment, such as removing restrictions on travel, telecommunications services and financial transactions; and (2) implementation of the January 1, 1992, Joint Declaration on the Denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.

You are authorized and directed to transmit the attached report fulfilling this requirement to the Chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the House of Representatives and Senate and to cause it to be published in the Federal Register.

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REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THE HEADING
"INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS"
IN TITLE IV OF THE FOREIGN OPERATIONS ACT FOR FY 1996

The final proviso set forth under the heading "International Organizations and Programs" in Title IV of the Foreign Operations Appropriations Act, 1996 (P.L. 104-107), requires the President to submit to the Committee on Appropriations a semi-annual report on specific efforts with regard to:

(a) KEDO designation of a Republic of Korea company, corporation or entity for the purpose of negotiating a prime contract to carry out construction of the light water reactors provided for in the Agreed Framework;

(b) The Democratic People's Republic of Korea's (DPRK) maintenance of the freeze on its nuclear facilities as required in the Agreed Framework; and

(c) United States steps to assure that progress is made on (1) the North-South dialogue, including efforts to reduce barriers to trade and investment; and (2) implementation of the January 1, 1992, Joint Declaration on the Denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.

(a) - Designation of ROK Company

In section I of the Agreed Framework between the United States of America and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), signed in Geneva on October 21, 1994, the two parties stated that they would cooperate in replacing the DPRK's graphite-moderated reactors and related facilities with light-water reactor (LWR) power plants. The U.S. further stated that it would undertake to make arrangements for the provision of the LWR project to the DPRK, including organizing under its leadership an international consortium to finance and supply the project. This organization, the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO), was created on March 9, 1995, by agreement of the U.S., Japan, and the Republic of Korea (ROK). These parties have agreed that the ROK will assume the central role in financing and building the LWR project.

On June 13, 1995, in Kuala Lumpur, the United States and the DPRK issued a joint statement providing that KEDO will select both the LWR reactor model and the prime contractor to carry out the project. (These points were confirmed in the LWR supply agreement between KEDO and the DPRK, signed December 15, 1995 in New York City.) On the same date as the Kuala Lumpur statement (June 13, 1995), the KEDO Executive Board decided by Board resolution that an ROK reactor model (Ulchin 3/4) would be built in the DPRK by an ROK firm. KEDO agreed last year that the Korea Electric Power Company (KEPCO) will be the prime contractor in building the light water reactors called for in the Agreed Framework. On March 19, 1996, KEDO passed Executive Board

Resolution 1996-3, officially designating KEPCO as prime contractor. KEDO and KEPCO are slated to begin formal negotiations on the prime contract in August, 1996. KEPCO employees have already participated in site surveys and KEDO negotiations with North Korea about construction of the first light water reactor.

(b) - DPRK Maintenance of the Freeze

Paragraph e of Section I of the U.S.-DPRK Agreed Framework provides for the immediate freeze and eventual dismantlement of all graphite-moderated reactors and related facilities in the DPRK. Within this context, the DPRK agreed to implement the freeze on its nuclear facilities within one month after the signing of the Agreed Framework and to allow the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to monitor the freeze on its facilities, with the full cooperation of the DPRK. In addition, the U.S and DPRK agreed to cooperate in finding a method to store safely the spent fuel from the DPRK's 5 MW(e) experimental reactor during the construction of the LWR project, and to dispose of the fuel in a safe manner that does not involve reprocessing in the DPRK.

Since November 1994, all of North Korea's graphite-moderated nuclear facilities have been frozen. Specifically, this means no refueling or operation of the 5MW research reactor; no construction on the 50 and 200 MW reactors; no reprocessing and sealing of the reprocessing facility; no operation of the fuel fabrication plant; and no construction of new graphite-moderated reactors or related facilities. The IAEA has maintained a continuous presence at the Nyongbyon nuclear facility and has continued with inspection activities related to verifying and monitoring the freeze in the DPRK according to the terms of the Agreed Framework. In addition to IAEA monitoring activities, the United States continues to monitor the freeze through National Technical Means.

With the successful conclusion of the December 15, 1995, agreement on the supply of light-water reactors to the DPRK, signed between the DPRK and KEDO in New York City, the IAEA has resumed ad hoc and routine inspections under the DPRK's safeguards agreement with the IAEA with respect to the facilities not subject to the freeze. North Korean and IAEA officials met at the end of June to discuss implementation of the Agreed Framework freeze. The two sides resolved a number of technical problems hindering the spent fuel canning project. The North presented a paper concerning the preservation of historical data at Nyongbyon. The two sides are scheduled to meet again in September. When the first LWR unit is completed, the IAEA will have oversight over the dismantlement of the DPRK's nuclear facilities which will be completed when the second LWR unit is completed.

In January 1995, the U.S. and DPRK agreed on the method for safely storing the DPRK's spent nuclear fuel as an interim step before it is shipped out of the DPRK, as defined in the Agreed Framework. U.S. and North Korean experts are continuing to cooperate in safely storing North Koreans spent nuclear fuel. Actual canning of the fuel began on April 27, 1996, and is planned to continue through at least March 31, 1997. To date, approximately 25% of the spent fuel rods (roughly 2000 of the total 8000) have been canned and stored under IAEA monitoring.

(c) (1) - North-South Dialogue

The U.S.-DPRK Agreed Framework provides that "the DPRK will engage in North-South dialogue." Since then, the U.S. has taken steps to support South Korean initiatives toward the North and to encourage the DPRK to fulfill its commitment to engage in dialogue as soon as possible. In all of our bilateral contacts with the DPRK, the U.S. has made clear that improvement in North-South relations is the key to peace and security on the Korean peninsula, and a requirement if U.S.-DPRK bilateral relations are to continue to move forward. Ambassador Robert L. Gallucci, during his tenure as Chairman of the Senior Steering Committee on Korea, had frequent occasion to raise the issue of North-South relations in his correspondence with his North Korean counterpart, First Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Kang Sok Ju. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Thomas Hubbard raised the North-South issue repeatedly during the May-June 1995 negotiations with the North Koreans in Kuala Lumpur on the LWR supply agreement. Most recently, Mr. Hubbard raised this issue when he met with North Korean Ambassador-at-Large Ho Jung in December 1995. Finally, working-level officials have repeatedly stressed to their North Korean counterparts the importance of the DPRK improving relations with the ROK. Over the last year, these points have been made at all three rounds of U.S.-DPRK negotiations on the opening of liaison offices, and repeatedly in contacts with officials of the DPRK Mission to the UN.

Implementation of the Agreed Framework has already created a number of opportunities for North-South contact. ROK Korean officials have participated directly in KEDO's extensive negotiation with the DPRK on the LWR supply agreement and related protocols. South Koreans have also made up the majority of the six site survey teams dispatched to North Korea by KEDO to survey the proposed site for LWR construction.

In support of ROK initiatives, we have conveyed South Korean positions -- and U.S. support for those positions -- to the DPRK and others. At South Korea's request we have raised several particular issues with the DPRK, sometimes with positive effect. The South Korean government has expressed its appreciation for these U.S. efforts. During this period North and South Korea held a series of bilateral meetings in Beijing

that produced an agreement whereby the South provided 150,000 tons of rice to the North as a grant. In December 1995, the DPRK released the crew of a South Korean fishing vessel which strayed into North Korean waters earlier in the year, a step which the ROK had been urging the DPRK to take.

It is the firm position of the United States that North-South contacts are the key to resolving the most important issues on the peninsula. We have used every available opportunity to press the DPRK to resume North-South dialogue, as it is committed to do under the terms of the Agreed Framework, including during the visits of two high-level North Korean delegations to the U.S. this spring.

It is against this background that President Clinton agreed to co-sponsor, along with President Kim Young Sam of the Republic of Korea, a proposal for a Four Party Meeting on Peace on the Korean Peninsula. In announcing this initiative, the two Presidents confirmed the fundamental principle that establishment of a stable, permanent peace on the Korean peninsula is the task of the Korean people. Both Presidents agreed that South and North Korea should take the lead in a renewed search for peace. For its part, the U.S. will play an active role in support of the peace process.

We and the ROK believe that the Four Party proposal can begin a process that will lead to tension reduction, greater economic cooperation and eventually the creation of a new, permanent peace mechanism. To date, we have not received a definitive response from the DPRK. We are working very closely with the Government of the Republic of Korea in a coordinated attempt to induce the North to accept the proposal.

(c) (2) - Implementation of the 1/1/92 Joint Declaration on Denuclearization

On January 1, 1992, the Republic of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued the Joint Declaration of the Denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. The provisions of the Joint Declaration state that the North and South:

- shall not test, manufacture, produce, receive, possess, store, deploy or use nuclear weapons;
- shall use nuclear energy solely for peaceful purposes;
- shall not possess nuclear reprocessing and uranium enrichment facilities, and;
- in order to verify the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, shall conduct inspections of the objects selected by the other side and agreed upon between the two sides, in accordance with procedures and methods

to be determined by the North-South Nuclear Control Commission which shall be established within one month of the effectuation of this joint declaration.

The DPRK and the ROK held a series of North-South Joint Nuclear Control Commission meetings in early 1992 as specified in the Joint Declaration, but these were discontinued as relations between the two Korean states worsened and the DPRK threatened to withdraw from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and refused to cooperate with the IAEA. As a result, the absence of sustained governmental talks between the ROK and DPRK has delayed further implementation of the Denuclearization Declaration.

The United States has, however, taken steps to encourage DPRK compliance with the Joint Declaration by encouraging North-South dialogue and ensuring DPRK implementation of the Agreed Framework. The Agreed Framework itself explicitly provides that the DPRK will take steps to implement the Joint Declaration on the Denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. In addition, the Agreed Framework, as a step towards full implementation of the Denuclearization Declaration, has succeeded in eliciting positive DPRK movement on key provisions of the Declaration. Specifically, North Korea's willingness to freeze immediately and eventually dismantle its graphite-moderated nuclear reactors and related facilities has halted activities which would, had they not been stopped, given the DPRK a nuclear weapons capability. Such a capability would have been a threat to peace and security on the Korean Peninsula as well as to Northeast Asia. The DPRK agreement to forego reprocessing under the Agreed Framework and to replace its existing nuclear reactors with proliferation-resistant LWRs represents a major step toward assuring the DPRK will not test, manufacture, produce, store, deploy or possess nuclear weapons. All these steps, aside from advancing the goals of the Joint Declaration, go beyond the NPT's requirements. The DPRK has agreed to a continuous IAEA inspector presence on the ground and has come into full compliance with its IAEA safeguards obligation. Both are steps related to the inspection objectives set forth in the Denuclearization Declaration.