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5-8 February

11th Plenum of KWP convenes in P'yongyang; announces leadership changes and calls for economic improvements, stressing need for new technology. Changes in state planning and light industry ministries reflect efforts to improve economic performance. []

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13 February

In meeting with local and foreign press in P'yongyang, Libyan envoy Mohammed Omar Baruni refers to explosions in Vienna and Rome airports and interception of Libyan airliner by Israel and blames US for current tension in region. []

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18-21 February

A delegation of the North Korean Olympic Committee, headed by its chairman, Kim Yu-san, visits China. []

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19 February

Foreign Trade Minister Ch'oe Chong-kun leaves for USSR and Malaysia as head of government economic delegation. [Redacted]

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19-24 February

Delegation headed by KWP Secretary Kim Hwan visits Thailand. Delegation pays courtesy calls on Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda and Deputy Prime Minister Bhichai Rattakul. The official visit is aimed at consolidating friendly ties, especially trade ties, between Thailand and North Korea. [Redacted]

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20 February

Lesotho informs South Korea of its decision to resume diplomatic relations after a three year "suspension." Comment: This follows a major setback for North Korea in Lesotho. North Korean military advisers had been training supporters of the Prime Minister, who was ousted in a coup in January. These advisers, as well as agricultural and construction technicians--for a total of 19--were expelled by the new leaders. [Redacted]

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Mass rally in P'yongyang supports KPA supreme commander's order to prepare for a combat mobilization posture to counter US-South Korea Team Spirit exercise. Kang Hui-won, Yi Yong-il, and Yi Chun-hui address the rally, denouncing Team Spirit. [Redacted]

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26-27 February

Stockbreeders hold national meeting at the People's Palace of Culture. Participants are urged by Pak Song-ch'ol, So Kwan-hui, Kim Chang-chu and others to improve animal husbandry production. [Redacted]

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28 February

Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Kim Yong-nam leaves P'yongyang for official visits to Indonesia, Libya, Algeria, Mali, Nigeria and Senegal. Vice Premier Chong Chun-ki, First Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Kim Chung-il and representatives of Indonesia, Algeria, Libya and China are present. [Redacted]

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During first stop--five-day visit to Indonesia--Kim Yong-nam pays courtesy call on President Soeharto and holds talks with Foreign Minister Mochtar and other Indonesian

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officials. [redacted]

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A group of Korean businessmen from Japan, headed by Chon Yon-sik, chairman of the Federation of Korean Traders and Industrialists in Japan, visits Kim Il-song. Ho Tam and Kim Pok-sin are also present. [redacted]

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Soviet Foreign Trade Minister B.I. Aristov and Foreign Trade Minister Ch'oe Chong-kun sign a trade and payments agreement covering 1986-90. North Korean Ambassador to USSR Kwon Hui-kyong is present. [redacted]

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North Korean soccer team defeats South Korean team 1-0 at the 17th International Football Tournament for the "King Cup" in Bangkok. [redacted]

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