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15-22 July

Delegation of KPA political officers, headed by Major General Kim Tok-hyon, visits **Soviet Union** at invitation of Soviet Army and Navy Main Political Directorate; meets with Directorate Chief General Lizichev and holds talks with the Directorate's First Deputy Chief Admiral Sorokin and Deputy Chief Colonel General Volkogonov. (Moscow Krasnaya Zvezda in Russian 23 July 87)

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28 July

Outgoing **Chinese** Ambassador Zong Kewen pays farewell call on KWP Secretary Hwang Chang-yop. (KCNA 29 July 1987)

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- [REDACTED]
- 28-29 July P'yongyang hosts 6th Congress of Korean Journalists Union; KWP Secretary Kye Ung-t'ae reads Party's congratulatory message. KWP Secretaries Ho Chong-suk and Ch'oe T'ae-pok are also present. Comment: KCNA Director Kim Chung-nin does not appear. (KCNA 28 July 1987; P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 28 July 1987; KCNA 30 July 1987) [REDACTED] 25X1
- 30 July P'yongyang announces plan to discharge 100,000 KPA officers and men by end of 1987. (Tokyo KYODO 30 July 1987) [REDACTED] 25X1
- 30 July-20 August Party delegation from **Poland**, headed by Party Secretary Marian Wozniak, visits P'yongyang; brings gifts for **Kim Il-song** and **Kim Chong-il**. Wozniak meets with KWP Secretary Yon Hyong-muk¹ and Deputy Department Director Kwon Min-chun. (KCNA 30 July 1987; Warsaw PAP 10 August 1987; KCNA 19 August 1987; KCNA 20 August 1987) [REDACTED] 25X1
- 31 July KPA Chief of General Staff O Kuk-yol attends party hosted by **Chinese** Embassy to mark 60th anniversary of founding of Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA). (KCNA 1 August 1987) [REDACTED] 25X1
- P'yongyang marks 55th anniversary of death of **Kim Il-song's** mother, Kang Pan-sok; small contingent of top officials² attends ceremonies at grave and statue. (KCNA 1 August 1987) [REDACTED] 25X1
- 1 August Premier Yi Kun-mo reads congratulatory message from KWP to servicemen of People's Security Forces at commissioning ceremony for Panpyong Dam and the Waterway Tunnel of the T'aechon Power Station; Lieutenant General Kim Chi-tok delivers commissioning address. (KCNA 1 August 1987; P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 1 August 1987) [REDACTED] 25X1
- Deputy Chairman of Electrical Power Industry Commission Yi Chong-song heads delegation to the 40th meeting of the Council of Sino-Korean Hydro-Electric Power Company in **Beijing**. Chinese Deputy Premier Li Peng meets the

¹ Yon recently returned from Poland where he held economic discussions with Polish officials.

² Yi Kun-mo, Ho Tam, Hwang Chang-yop, Ch'oe T'ae-pok, Kim Ch'ang-chu, Kye Ung-t'ae, Kang Hui-won, and Ho Chong-suk.

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	delegation. (Beijing XINHUA 1 August 1987) [REDACTED]	25X1
2-10 August	Foreign Minister Kim Yong-nam continues official visits to Syria and Ethiopia ; holds talks with Ethiopian leader Mengistu and Foreign Minister Bayeh Berhanu. Kim meets with Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze during Moscow stopover enroute to P'yongyang. (Addis Adaba Domestic Service in Amharic 6 August 1987; Moscow TASS 8 August 1987; KCNA 10 August 1987) [REDACTED]	25X1
3 August	In response to North Korea's five-point troop reduction proposal, the South proposes bilateral Foreign Ministers' meeting to discuss conclusion of non-aggression agreement, dual entry to UN, and cross-recognition by major powers. Agenda also includes resumption of North-South dialogue, prime-ministerial meetings, talks on Kungangsan Dam project, and P'yongyang's recent call for disarmament talks involving both Koreas and the US. Seoul suggests holding talks in New York or other mutually agreeable location sometime between UNGA opening and end of September. (Seoul YONHAP 3 August 1987) [REDACTED]	25X1
3 August	Deputy Foreign Minister Kim Chae-suk heads eight-member delegation to China ; meets with Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian in Beijing. Kim also tours Changchun and Jilin City. (Beijing XINHUA 3 August 1987; Changchun Jilin Provincial SE in Mandarin 10 August 1987) [REDACTED]	25X1
5 August	Chief Secretary of South Pyongan Provincial Party Committee So Yun-sok delivers KWP congratulatory message to provincial LSWYK committee and members of committee's youth shock brigade at commissioning ceremonies for waterway at Sunch'on Vinylon complex. (P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 10 August 1987) [REDACTED]	25X1
6 August	North Korea accepts Seoul's proposal for Foreign Ministers' talks and proposes Secretary Shultz be included. (P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 6 August 1987) [REDACTED]	25X1
	Kim Il-song meets with outgoing Chinese Ambassador Zong Kewen. (KCNA 6 August 1987) [REDACTED]	25X1

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6-12 August	Delegation of Ministry of Public Security of China , headed by its minister Wang Fang, visits P'yongyang; holds talks with Minister of Public Security Paek Hak-nim and meets with Premier Yi Kun-mo. (KCNA 7 August 1987; KCNA 10 August 1987) [REDACTED]	25X1
6 August- 8 September	KWP delegation led by Party Secretary Ch'oe T'ae-pok visits Cameroon, Central African Republic, Mali, and Senegal . In Mali, Ch'oe meets with Prime Minister Dembele. (KCNA 12 August 1987; Bangui Domestic Service in French 14 August 1987; Bamako Domestic Service in French 27 August 1987; Dakar Domestic Service in French 29 August 1987; KCNA 8 September 1987) [REDACTED]	25X1
11 August	Latest proposal from North Korean Olympic Committee calls for five full events and one partial, as well as joint meeting--held before 17 September--to debate major issues such as games to be shared, name of the Olympics, composition of organizing committee, opening and closing ceremonies, and television rights. (KCNA 11 August 1987) [REDACTED]	25X1
12 August	Foreign Trade Minister Ch'oe Chong-kun and Mongolian Foreign Trade Minister sign 1988 protocol in Ulaanbaatar on mutual delivery of commodities and payments. (KCNA 16 August 1987) [REDACTED]	25X1
13 August	South Korea rejects three-way Foreign Ministers talks, and reiterates offer for bilateral discussions. (Seoul YONHAP 13 August 1987) [REDACTED]	25X1
14 August	Full Central Committee member and Deputy Department Director Yi Kyong-son dies at age 50; senior officials who pay respects include Ho Tam, Yon Hyong-muk, Kye Ung-t'ae, Hwang Chang-yop, Ho Chong-suk, and So Kwan-hui. Kim Il-song sends wreath. (KCNA 15 August 1987) [REDACTED]	25X1
14-19 August	Deputy Chairman of Technical-Scientific State Committee Kim Ung-ho heads delegation to technical-scientific meeting in Hungary ; Kim and Imre Szekacs, Director of Budapest's Tesco Company, sign 1987-88 protocol on technical-scientific cooperation. Kim also meets with Deputy Prime Minister Istvan Horvath. (Budapest MTI 19 August 1987) [REDACTED]	25X1



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15 August

Forty-second anniversary of National Liberation. North Korea marks occasion with exchange of greetings with **Soviet Union**. Top leaders at wreath-laying ceremonies at Mount Taesong Revolutionary Martyrs' Tomb include Kang Hui-won, Kim Yong-ch'ae, Kwon Min-chun, Kim Kwang-chin, and Yi In-kyu; Communications Minister Kim Yong-ch'ae addresses meeting in P'yongyang. (Moscow TASS 14 August 1987; KCNA 15 August 1987)

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Vice President Pak Song-ch'ol and KWP Secretary Hwang Chang-yop attend **Indian National Day** party hosted by Indian Embassy Charge Atul Pandit. (KCNA 16 August 1987)

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Ambassador to **Zimbabwe** Yi Chun-ok dies there in auto accident. (HARARE 04407 190547z Aug 87; Harare Domestic Service 17 August 1987)

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15-18 August

Yi Kon-il, Director of Hydrometeorological Bureau, heads delegation to Changchun, **China**; holds talks with Luo Jibin, Deputy Director of the National Meteorological Bureau. (Changchun Jilin Provincial Service in Mandarin 18 August 1987; Beijing XINHUA 18 August 1987)

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17 August

North Korea and **Soviet Union** sign separate agreements in P'yongyang on cooperation in veterinary science and imports. (KCNA 18 August 1987; P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 17 August 1987)

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KPA Colonel General Cho Myong-nok delivers report at meeting to mark 40th anniversary of founding of the Air Force. General Kim Kwang-chin is present. (KCNA 19 August 1987; P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 18 August 1987)

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17-26 August

KPA Chief of General Staff O Kuk-yol and delegation receive red carpet treatment during visit to **China**; meet with Chinese counterpart Yang Dezhi and President Li Xiannian, as well as Deputy Chairman of Central Military Commission Yang Shangkun and National Defense Minister Zhang Aiping. (Beijing XINHUA 17 August 1987; KCNA 17 August 1987; Beijing XINHUA 25 August 1987)

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- [Redacted]
- 18 August Pak Yong-sun, KWP Central Committee Member, SPA Deputy, and Director of Revolutionary Museum, dies at age of 81; O Chin-u heads funeral committee.³ (P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 18 August 1987) [Redacted] 25X1
- Chief Secretary South Pyongan Party Committee So Yun-sok delivers KWP congratulatory message at report meeting marking 30th anniversary of Songnam Youth Coal Mine; LSWYK Chairman Ch'oe Yong-hae presents commemorative report. (P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 18 August 1987) [Redacted] 25X1
- 19 August Defense Minister O Chin-u and Vice President Pak Song-ch'ol head list of officials who visit bier of Pak Yong-sun. Comment: If true, this marks O Chin-u's first appearance since September 1986. (KCNA 20 August 1987; P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 19 August 1987) [Redacted] 25X1
- 20 August Top officials present at funeral services for Pak Yong-sun include Yi Kun-mo, Pak Song-ch'ol, Yim Ch'un-ch'u, So Ch'ol, Yon Hyong-muk, Kang Song-san, Kye Ung-t'ae, Ch'oe Kwang, Kang Hui-won, Ho Chong-suk, and Yun Ki-pok. (P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 20 August 1987) [Redacted] 25X1
- Deputy Premier Hong Song-nam, Foreign Trade Minister Ch'oe Chong-kun, External Economic Affairs Minister Chong Song-nam, and Labor Minister Kim Pong-ul attend party hosted by Romanian Ambassador Iftodi to mark 43rd anniversary of liberation. (KCNA 20 August 1987) [Redacted] 25X1
- 21-24 August Siddhi Savetsila, Foreign Minister of Thailand, visits P'yongyang; holds talks with Foreign Minister Kim Yong-nam and meets with Kim Il-song. Kim Yong-nam, Foreign Trade Minister Ch'oe Chong-kun, and Siddhi sign agreement to set up joint trade commission expanding economic cooperation. (KCNA 21 August 1987; Bangkok Post 23 August 1987; KCNA 24 August 1987; Bangkok Voice of Free Asia 25 August 1987) [Redacted] 25X1

³ Yi Kun-mo, Pak Song-ch'ol, Yim Ch'un-ch'u, So Ch'ol, O Kuk-yol, Yon Hyong-muk, Kang Song-san, Kye Ung-t'ae, Ch'oe Kwang, Hyon Mu-kwang, Kang Hui-won, Chong Chun-ki, Ho Chong-suk, Kim Hwan, Yun Ki-pok, Kim Kuk-ki, Kang Sok-sung, Paek Hak-nim, and Hwang Sun-hui.

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23 August State Security Minister Yi Chin-su dies at age 66; Chief Secretary of South Pyongan Provincial Party Committee So Yun-sok heads funeral committee.⁴ Kim Il-song sends wreath; Kim Chong-il, accompanied by Ho Tam, Kye Ung-t'ae, Kim Si-hak, and Yi Ch'ang-son, visits bier; Foreign Minister Kim Yong-nam heads group of senior party and government officials⁵ to pay respects. Comment: First time P'yongyang has publicly acknowledged the Ministry of State Security. (KCNA 23 August 1987; P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 23 August 1987; KCNA 24 August 1987; P'yongyang Television Service in Korean 24 August 1987; KCNA 25 August 1987) [redacted]

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25 August President Kim Il-song meets with Cambodian Prince Sihanouk at conclusion of four-month visit. (KCNA 25 August 1987)

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Yi Chae-hwan, South Korean student who defected to North Korea in July, holds press conference in P'yongyang declaring his decision was voluntary. (KCNA 25 August 1987) [redacted]

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26 August Vice President of Academy of Social Sciences Kim Ch'ol-sik and Cuban Ambassador Ricardo Danza Sigas sign scientific cooperation agreement in P'yongyang between Academies of Sciences. (Havana Radio Reloj Network in Spanish 26 August 1987; KCNA 26 August 1987) [redacted]

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27 August-
2 September Delegation of National People's Assembly from Guinea-Bissau, headed by its First Vice President Mario Mendes Correia, visits P'yongyang; meets with Vice President Pak Song-ch'ol and holds talks with Deputy Chairman of SPA Standing Committee Yo Yon-ku, Secretary General of Parliamentary Group Committee Yi Chun-sik, and other officials. (KCNA 27 August 1987; KCNA 29 August 1987) [redacted]

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⁴ So Yun-sok, Kye Ung-t'ae, Kang Hui-won, Kim Si-ak, Kim Kuk-t'ae, Yi Ha-il, Yi Chang-son, Mun Song-sul, Yi Yong-chol, Kang Sok-sung, Paek Hak-nim, Chi Ch'ang-ik, Yi Kil-song, Han Sang-kyu, Pang Hak-se, Yi Pong-won, Kim Pong-chu, Pak Su-tong, Ch'oe Yong-hae, Kang Hyon-su, Yi Ch'ol-pong, Kim Ch'ol-man, Cho Myong-son, and Kim Hak-pong.

⁵ Kang Song-san, Hong Song-nam, So Yun-sok, Chon Pyong-ho, Ch'oe Kwang, Kang Hui-won, Hwang Chang-yop, Ho Chong-suk, So Kwan-hui, Kim Ch'ang-chu, Kim Yun-hyok, Yun Ki-pok, and Choe Tok-sin

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27 August- 2 September	<p>Delegation from Cape Verde, headed by Prime Minister Pedro Pires, holds talks in P'yongyang; meets with Kim Il-song, Premier Yi Kun-mo, Minister of External Economic Affairs Chong Song-nam, and Deputy Foreign Minister Kim Yong-sop. (KCNA 27 August 1987; KCNA 2 September 1987) <input type="text"/></p>	25X1
28 August	<p>Central meeting in P'yongyang marks 60th anniversary of formation of LSWYK; senior officials present include Premier Yi Kun-mo and Vice Presidents Pak Song-ch'ol and Yim Ch'un-ch'u. Pak delivers Party's congratulatory message. (KCNA 28 August 1987) <input type="text"/></p>	25X1
	<p>First Deputy Premier Hong Song-nam attends groundbreaking ceremony in P'yongyang for 105-story hotel; construction officials expect to complete project within 18 months. (KCNA 29 August 1987; Beijing XINHUA 29 August 1987) <input type="text"/></p>	25X1
	<p>North Korea proposes bilateral vice-ministerial meetings, to be followed by talks between Foreign Ministers of the two Koreas and the US, on arms reduction. Comment: South Korea rejects this offer on 7 September and repeats 13 August proposal. (KCNA 28 August 1987; Seoul <u>The Korea Times</u> 8 September 1987) <input type="text"/></p>	25X1
28 August- 7 September	<p>PLA Air Force Commander Wang Hai heads goodwill delegation to P'yongyang; holds talks with KPA Air Force Commander Colonel General Cho Myong-nok and meets with KPA Chief of Staff O Kuk-yol and Kim Il-song. (Beijing XINHUA 27 August 1987; KCNA 29 August 1987; Beijing <u>Renmin Ribao</u> in Chinese 4 September 1987; Beijing XINHUA Domestic Service in Chinese 6 September 1987) <input type="text"/></p>	25X1
29 August	<p>President Kim Il-song meets with delegation of Thai legal officials headed by Minister of Justice Sa-at Piyawan; KWP Secretary Hwang Chang-yop, Director of Central Court Pang Hak-se, and Deputy Foreign Minister Kim Hyong-yol are also present. (KCNA 29 August 1987) <input type="text"/></p>	25X1
	<p>Cambodian Prince Sihanouk leaves P'yongyang for China. (KCNA 29 August 1987; Beijing Domestic Service in Mandarin 29 August 1987) <input type="text"/></p>	25X1

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30 August	<p>President Kim Il-song, accompanied by Premier Yi Kun-mo, KWP Secretary So Kwan-hui, and Deputy Premier Kim Ch'ang-chu, visits the experimental farm and laboratories of Academy of Agricultural Sciences. (P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 30 August 1987; KCNA 31 August 1987) []</p> <p>KWP Secretary Ho Chong-suk attends national meeting of LSWYK officials; LSWYK Chairman Ch'oe Yong-hae presents report. (P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 30 August 1987) []</p>	25X1 25X1
31 August	<p>Chief Secretary of South Pyongan Provincial Party Committee So Yun-sok attends meeting in Pyongsong marking 43rd anniversary of revolution in Bulgaria. Pak Ui-song, Deputy Chairman of South Pyongan Provincial Administration and Economic Guidance Committee, addresses the meeting. (KCNA 1 September 1987) []</p>	25X1
31 August- 8 September	<p>Colonel General Jozef Uzycki, Deputy Defense Minister and Army Chief of Staff of Poland, heads delegation to P'yongyang; meets with KPA Chief of General Staff O Kuk-yol, Lieutenant General Chang Pong-chin and Kim Il-song. (KCNA 31 August 1987; KCNA 7 September 1987) []</p> <p>Olympic Chairman Kim Yu-sun sends letter to IOC President Samaranch expressing regret at conditions⁶ attached to holding a joint meeting before 17 September and suggests deferring issuance of invitations to the Games until Seoul and P'yongyang reach a final agreement. (KCNA 31 August 1987; KCNA 11 August 1987) [] 31 August 1987) []</p>	25X1 25X1 25X1

⁶ North Korea must accept the 15 July adjusted proposal of the IOC: table tennis, archery, women's volleyball, a soccer preliminary, and the men's cycle race.

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LOOKING AHEAD

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| 24-26 September | P'yongyang to host international conference on denuclearization sponsored by Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization. [Redacted] | 25X1 |
| 24-28 September | Japan Socialist Party Chairwoman Takako Doi plans official visit to P'yongyang. [Redacted] | 25X1 |
| 9 October | Fourth anniversary of Rangoon bombing. [Redacted] | 25X1 |
| 10 October | 42nd anniversary of founding of Korean Workers Party (KWP).
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| 25 October | 37th anniversary of entry of Chinese "volunteers" into Korean war. [Redacted] | 25X1 |
| November | Marian Orzechowski, Foreign Minister of Poland scheduled to visit North Korea and meet with Kim Il-song. [Redacted] | 25X1 |
| 18 November | 32nd anniversary of organization of Democratic Women's League, headed by Kim Song-ae. [Redacted] | 25X1 |
| 5 December | 41st anniversary of founding of Korean Central News Agency (KCNA). [Redacted] | 25X1 |
| 24 December 1917 | Birth of Kim Chong-il's mother, Kim Chong-suk. [Redacted] | 25X1 |
| September 1988 | The 1988 Seoul Olympic Games scheduled. [Redacted] | 25X1 |

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