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Senior Review Panel

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central IntelligenceSUBJECT: Senior Review Panel Comments on Draft
Concept Paper and Terms of Reference (TOR)
for NIE 14.2-87: North Korea: Prospects
for the Succession and Internal Stability,
internally dated 5 October 1987

1. The Panel considers the drafts comprehensive, well-elaborated, and appropriately addressed to the challenges, problems, and implications of the efforts of Kim Il-song to secure succession to power by his son, Kim Chong-il.

2. We flag two comparatively minor points: (a) the possibility of consolidating TOR-III and TOR-IV might be worth considering in order to assist in holding the ultimate text to desirable length; (b) the word "internal" might perhaps be dropped from the title in view of the extensive foreign policy considerations adduced in TOR-I, TOR-V, and TOR-IV.

3. We commend this initiative--the first estimate that examines this unprecedented succession problem--and look forward to the draft paper.



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