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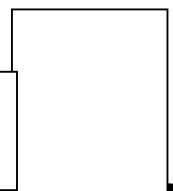
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NORTH KOREA: Increased Nuclear-Related Activity

North Korea has tested a high explosive and may be preparing to operate its reprocessing complex, developments that suggest P'yongyang is moving forward with its nuclear weapons programs. [Redacted]

[Redacted] P'yongyang recently conducted its first high-explosive test since 1988;

[Redacted]

North Korea on Thursday signed the IAEA safeguards agreement and privately indicated to IAEA officials that it would ratify the accord within two months. In a meeting with the South on Wednesday, however, the North refused to discuss Seoul's proposal for mutual trial inspections until after the North-South nuclear agreement takes effect in two weeks. [Redacted]

Comment: The activity at Yongbyon suggests the North may be trying to complete its nuclear weapons program before inspections begin; it may also have no intention of allowing inspections. [Redacted]

[Redacted] suggest nuclear-related testing, and [Redacted]

[Redacted] indicate P'yongyang may be preparing for cold testing of the plant with nonirradiated fuel. [Redacted] CIA, DIA-

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