



United States Department of State

*Washington, D.C. 20520*

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Dear Mr. Markey:

This is in response to your letter of October 22 requesting we publicize the intelligence data and other information that the U.S. provided to the DPRK on its nuclear weapons program. Assistant Secretary James Kelly conveyed U.S. concerns orally, without presenting any documentary information. Please accept this letter as the written document you requested, laying out the information provided to the North Koreans.

From October 3-5, Assistant Secretary James A. Kelly and a delegation of other senior U.S. officials traveled to North Korea to begin talks on a wide range of issues. During those talks, Assistant Secretary Kelly explained that the overriding issue of concern for the U.S. was North Korea's pursuit of a covert program to enrich uranium for nuclear weapons. Assistant Secretary Kelly also pointed out that North Korea had been embarked on this program for several years. As noted in the October 16 press statement by Department Spokesman Richard Boucher, the North Korean officials acknowledged that they have such a program and said that they considered the Agreed Framework "nullified."

As such, our presentation to the North Koreans on their pursuit of an alternate program to develop nuclear weapons was general and very brief. We told them only that we had clear and compelling information that they had been pursuing such a program for a number of years. We provided them with no other details about our knowledge of the program.

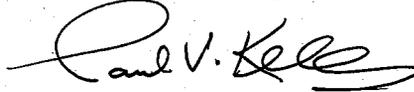
North Korea's secret nuclear weapons program is a serious violation of North Korea's commitments under the Agreed Framework as well as under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT), its International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards agreement, and the Joint North-South

The Honorable  
Edward J. Markey,  
House of Representatives.

Declaration on the Denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.  
The Administration is working steadfastly to resolve the  
situation. It is consulting with Members of Congress on this  
matter, and will continue to do so.

We hope this information is helpful. Please let us know  
if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul V. Kelly". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Paul V. Kelly  
Assistant Secretary  
Legislative Affairs