

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

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President George W. Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Recent press reports have depicted differing administration reactions to revelations regarding North Korea's clandestine nuclear weapons program and prompt us to seek clarification of U.S. policy toward North Korea.

First and foremost, it seems that, since North Korea's covert nuclear program is a blatant violation of the Agreed Framework, the accord is nullified. In that regard, we strongly believe that the U.S. should cease support for the Korean Energy Development Organization, and that U.S. fuel-oil shipments should be permanently terminated. Has the Administration terminated these (and all other) U.S. obligations under the accord? Also, are we, or will we be, urging the South Korean and Japanese governments to halt funding for the reactor projects in North Korea? If so, when do you expect that a formal announcement of these actions will be made?

Secondly, we hope that the U.S. will be able to implement the full range of economic and diplomatic sanctions to compel North Korean compliance with the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. How will the Administration work to enforce the treaty?

Lastly, we believe that the United States should work aggressively with its allies to prepare for a future beyond the current Stalinist regime in Pyongyang. We see no viable alternative given the proven failure of subsidizing North Korea and of relying upon that country's promises, as well as the regime's continued deplorable treatment of the North Korean people. There are a variety of political and economic measures that have yet to be undertaken that can help to bring about a change in the regime, such as ending all subsidies, dramatically increasing Radio Free Asia broadcasting, and announcing a policy of temporary first asylum for people seeking to flee North Korea.

We stand ready to work with you on these and other measures that could assist in bringing about the liberation of the people of this oppressed country, and ending the threat to global peace that its dangerous regime represents.

Sincerely,





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