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2. EMBASSIES SHOULD APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENTS TO SEEK THEIR ASSESSMENT OF EVENTS RELATED TO NORTH KOREA FOLLOWING THE DEMISE OF PRESIDENT KIM IL-SUNG. YOU SHOULD ALSO SHARE WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS THE POINTS BELOW.

-- WE LEARNED OF THE DEATH OF DPRK PRESIDENT KIM IL-SUNG THROUGH NORTH KOREAN MEDIA REPORTS AT 2300 EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME JULY 8 (1200 JULY 9 IN PYONGYANG). ACCORDING TO NK MEDIA, THE 82-YEAR OLD PRESIDENT DIED EARLY ON JULY 8 OF A HEART ATTACK. RADIO PYONGYANG REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT KIM'S FUNERAL WOULD BE HELD ON JULY 17. REPORTS INDICATE THAT FOREIGNERS WILL NOT BE INVITED TO ATTEND. PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS STATED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD SEND A U.S. DELEGATION IF WE WERE INVITED TO SEND ONE.

-- OFFICIAL NORTH KOREAN BROADCASTS REFERRED TO KIM IL-SUNG'S SON, KIM JONG-IL, AS THE "GREAT SUCCESSOR" AND SAID THAT HE WOULD HEAD THE FUNERAL COMMITTEE.

-- US-DPRK TALKS IN GENEVA, THE "THIRD ROUND" WERE RECESSED ON JULY 9 AT NORTH KOREAN REQUEST. DELEGATION HEAD KANG SOK-JU TOLD ASSISTANT SECRETARY GALLUCCI THAT HE HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO RESUME TALKS WITHIN A FEW DAYS. KANG WAS AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS FROM PYONGYANG. OUR DELEGATION WILL REMAIN IN GENEVA UNTIL WE HEAR FURTHER FROM THE NORTH KOREANS.

-- PRESIDENT CLINTON ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN NAPLES, WHERE HE IS ATTENDING THE G-7 SUMMIT. "ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXTEND

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SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE PEOPLE ON NORTH KOREA ON THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT KIM IL-SUNG. WE APPRECIATE HIS LEADERSHIP IN RESUMING THE TALKS BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS. WE HOPE THEY WILL CONTINUE AS APPROPRIATE." THE NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION REACTED POSITIVELY TO THE PRESIDENT'S "SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE PEOPLE OF NORTH KOREA."

— THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF UNUSUAL MILITARY ACTIVITY IN NORTH KOREA OR ALONG THE DMZ. SOUTH KOREAN FORCES REMAIN ON NORMAL ALERT STATUS, ALTHOUGH LEAVE HAS BEEN CANCELLED. US FORCES HAVE NOT RPT NOT BEEN PLACED ON ANY SPECIAL ALERT STATUS.

— DPRK PUBLIC THEMES ARE FOCUSING ON CONTINUITY OF POLICY. THE GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO BE ENCOURAGING A RALLYING AROUND AND CONSOLIDATION IN THE WAKE OF PRESIDENT KIM'S DEMISE.

— WE ASSUME THAT NORTH KOREANS' WILL TURN INWARD DURING THIS PERIOD OF MOURNING IN NORTH KOREA. WE STRONGLY HOPE THAT THE MOMENTUM CREATED BY PRESIDENT KIM'S INITIATIVE IN RESUMING THE US-DPRK TALKS WILL BE SUSTAINED, AND THAT THE "THIRD ROUND TALKS" CAN BE RESUMED PROMPTLY. WE ALSO HOPE THE MOMENTUM IN NORTH - SOUTH DIALOGUE WILL CONTINUE.

3. MANY OF THE ADDRESSEE POSTS HAVE REPRESENTATION IN PYONGYANG AND ARE WELL POSITIONED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DPRK CAPITAL.

4. POSTS MAY ALSO DRAW, AS APPROPRIATE, ON DPRK SITREPS WHICH WILL BE TRANSMITTED PERIODICALLY IN THE COMING DAYS.  
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