1. CONFIDENTIAL

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 RESCEDD ON JULY 9 AT NORTH KOREAN REQUEST. DELEGATION HEAD KANG SOK-JU TOLD ASSISTANT SECRETARY GALLUCI THAT HE HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO RESUME TALKS WITHIN A FEW DAYS. KANG WAS WAITING 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..."
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
CANCELED. 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 DEFILE.

— 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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