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Trump to Kim

[on White House stationery]

1 April 2018

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## Kim to Trump

Chairman Kim

1 April 2018

Chairman State Affairs Commission

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Dear Excellency:

I am thankful for the personal letter you sent that explicitly laid out your great intentions. In addition, I would like to express my gratitude for sending Director Pompeo as your entrusted delegate to Pyongyang. Through your personal letter and detailed explanation from Director Pompeo, I fully acknowledge your plans and determination, and I am very encouraged by them. In addition to your great plan, I intend to take big steps to resolve existing issues between our two countries and end negative bilateral relations.

I'm prepared to cooperate with you in sincerity and dedication to accomplish a great feat that no one in the past has been able to achieve and that is unexpected by the whole world. And I am confident that our first meeting will lead to proactive pursuit in this achievement. I eagerly await your momentous decision.

With respect,

Chairman State Affairs Commission,  
Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Kim Jong Un

1 April 2018, Pyongyang

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## Trump to Kim

[on White House stationery, undated; 4/3/18 is handwritten in the corner]

His Excellency Kim Jong Un  
Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic  
People's Republic of Korea  
Pyongyang

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I greatly appreciate your letter, which was passed to me by Central Intelligence Agency Director Pompeo. I agree with everything you said and have very little doubt that our meeting will be a momentous one for both our countries and for the rest of the world. I look forward to meeting you in coming weeks.

Sincerely,  
[signed Donald J. Trump]

## Trump to Kim

[on White House stationery]

May 24, 2018

His Excellency Kim Jong Un

Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic  
People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang

Dear Mr. Chairman,

We greatly appreciate your time, patience and effort with respect to our recent negotiations and discussions relative to a summit long sought by both parties which was scheduled to take place on June 12 in Singapore. We were informed that this meeting was requested by North Korea, but that to us is totally irrelevant.

I was very much looking forward to being there with you. Sadly, based on the tremendous anger and open hostility displayed in your most recent statement, I feel it is inappropriate, at this time, to have this long-planned meeting. Therefore please let this letter serve to represent that the

Singapore summit for the good of both parties but to the detriment of the world will not take place.

You talk about your nuclear capabilities, but ours are so massive and powerful that I pray to God they will never have to be used. I felt a wonderful dialogue was building up between you and me and ultimately it is only the dialogue that matters. Someday I look very much forward to meeting you.

In the meantime, I want to thank you for the release of the hostages who are now home with their families. That was a beautiful gesture and was very much appreciated.

If you change your mind having to do with this most important summit, please do not hesitate to call me or write. The world, and North Korea in particular, has lost a great opportunity for lasting peace and great prosperity and wealth. This missed opportunity is a truly sad moment in history.

Yours truly,

[signed Donald J. Trump]



## Kim to Trump

HE Donald J. Trump, President  
United States of America, Washington

Esteemed Your Excellency,

Allow me to take this opportunity to highly appreciate the efforts Your Excellency President is extending with a view to making our upcoming meeting a historic moment.

It is with great expectations that I myself await the DPRK-US summit, an event the entire world is focusing on. I have no doubt that our scheduled meeting, the first ever between us, will be a milestone in the efforts aimed at improving relations between the DPRK and the United States as well as ensuring peace and security in the region.

At the same time, I sincerely hope that our first meeting, about to happen at no small pains, will lead to more wonderful and meaningful meetings.

I look forward to having a significant meeting with your Excellency on June 12.

Kim Jong Un  
Pyongyang  
May 29, 2018

## Trump to Kim

[on White House stationery]

June 15, 2018

His Excellency Kim Jong Un

Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic  
People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I just have arrived back in America, and the media for North Korea and you has been fantastic. They have great respect for you and your country. I also reported how well we got along and that we like each other very much — true. See you soon.

Sincerely,

[signed Donald J. Trump]

[Note: “true” above is underlined in Trump’s black magic marker.]

## Trump to Kim

[on White House stationery]

July 3, 2018

His Excellency Kim Jong Un

Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic  
People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Our summit in Singapore was a truly historic event. You and I accomplished a great deal. Our joint statement demonstrated the determination we both share to bring our nations' relationship - and the security of the world - into a new era.

To ensure the Singapore summit is remembered as a turning point in history, we must make fast progress on the commitments we made in the summit joint statement. It would be a beautiful thing if we could announce as soon as possible that our two countries are taking steps to implement those commitments steps we have never taken before.

To make this happen, I have sent Secretary of State Mike

Pompeo to Pyongyang with directions to achieve substantial progress. First, Secretary Pompeo hopes to reach agreement on the return of an initial set of POW/MIA remains as soon as possible. Second, the secretary hopes to gain your agreement to permit a visit by technical experts to the missile engine test site you pledged in Singapore to shut down. Third and most importantly, Secretary Pompeo is under my instructions to find agreement with you on taking the first major steps toward the final, fully verified denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and toward a more peaceful future between us.

I look forward to hearing of progress toward our mutual goals.

Sincerely yours,

Donald J. Trump

President of the United States

[Note: not personally signed]

## Kim to Trump

[July 6, 2018]

To President HE Donald J. Trump,

The significant first meeting with Your Excellency and the joint statement that we signed together in Singapore 24 days ago was indeed the start of a meaningful journey.

I deeply appreciate the energetic and extraordinary efforts made by Your Excellency, Mr. President, for the improvement of relations between the two countries and the faithful implementation of the joint statement.

I firmly believe that the strong will, sincere efforts and unique approach of myself and Your Excellency Mr. President, aimed at opening up a new future between the DPRK and the US will surely come to fruition. Wishing that the invariable trust and confidence in your Excellency Mr. President will be further strengthened in the future process of taking practical actions, I extend my conviction with the epochal progress in promoting the DPRK-US relations will bring our next meeting forward.

## Kim to Trump

July 30, 2018

Your Excellency Mr. President,

I express my deep appreciation to Your Excellency for having a firm faith in the excellent relations established between us during the first summit and exerting yourself to honor the promise made in that historic day.

I feel pleased to have formed good ties with such a powerful and preeminent statesman as Your Excellency, though there is a sense of regret for the lack of anticipated declaration on the termination of war. I am convinced that the declaration of the termination of war would surely see the light of day at an early date as a world-historic event that encourages the development of relations between the two countries and promotes global peace and security.

The first step in improving DPRK-US relations was taken in a meaningful way at the Singapore summit, and the next meeting between us will come to a beautiful fruition bringing even greater delight and satisfaction to both countries of the DPRK and the US.

I have an unwavering confidence that my next meeting with

your Excellency would produce a more significant outcome, and I will make continued efforts and preparations to deliver that outcome without fail.

I wish Your Excellency good health and bigger success in the fulfillment of your official duties. I also extend my heartfelt and warmest greetings to the First Lady and the family members of Your Excellency.

Kim Jong Un

July 30, 2018

## Trump to Kim

[on White House stationery]

August 2, 2018

His Excellency Kim Jong Un

Chairman of the state Affairs commission of the Democratic  
People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Thank you for your letter, which I received through Ambassador Harry Harris, my excellent representative to the Republic of Korea. I've been briefed on Ambassador Harris' meeting with Vice chairman Kim Yong Chol and understand they had a candid and constructive conversation.

It has been almost two months since our historic summit in Singapore. The deal you and I made was an excellent one, and I am pleased that there has been progress implementing the joint statement we signed. Thank you for fulfilling your commitment to begin the process of returning the remains of our soldiers and planning for future joint recovery operations. This was an



important step, and it meant so much to the American people.

It is now time to make progress on the other commitments we made, including complete denuclearization. To advance this goal, I would like to send secretary of state Mike Pompeo back to Pyongyang to meet with you to plan next steps. I agree you and I should meet again at a mutually convenient time. Secretary Pompeo's visit to Pyongyang would be an opportunity to ensure we make the progress necessary for our next meeting to be another great success.

I look forward to hearing your response soon. I will convey your warm greetings to Melania. Please give my best to your family as well.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Trump

President of the United States

[written in black magic marker.] I look forward to seeing you soon -

## Kim to Trump

August 12, 2018

Your Excellency Mr. President,

I received your great letter that contained your will and intent. Per my previous letter, I am happy to have established a relationship with a strong political reader (like yourself) who has great leadership, political sense and decisiveness. (Further) I have fostered this goodwill toward you in the past two months.

I fully agree with your proposal for secretary of State Mike Pompeo to visit Pyongyang. I am prepared to seriously discuss future plans with the Secretary of State, whom you have appointed. The work we are currently planning will even be more meaningful and will lead to a great negotiation resulting in a great outcome.

If our historic meeting two months ago signaled a new beginning to the DPRK-US relationship, my next meeting with you will be an opportunity to plan for a safe and solid future. I'm sure that the effort you and I are putting forth will continue to bring about satisfactory results.

Your Excellency Mr. President, wishing you good health,

Kim Jong Un

August 12, 2018

## Kim to Trump

September 6, 2018

Your Excellency Mr. President,

I would first like to seek your understanding for having hurt. your feelings even for a moment under unfortunate circumstances in which Secretary of State Pompeo's visit to Pyongyang that Your Excellency had planned was cancelled. It is my thought that instead of having a war of words on issues that divide our two sides with secretary Pompeo, who it is difficult for me to think can fully represent Your Excellency's mind. It would be more constructive to meet in person with Your Excellency who are endowed with an outstanding political sense and have an in-depth exchange of views on important issues including the denuclearization.

I would like to affirm that I remain unchanged in my resolve to faithfully implement the historic joint statement signed at the Singapore summit and that in addition to the steps that we have taken up front, we are willing to take further meaningful steps one at a time in a phased manner, such as the complete shutdown of the Nuclear Weapons Institute or the Satellite Launch District and the irreversible closure of the nuclear

materials production facility. However, in order for us to sustain the momentum for continuing to take these steps we need to feel some changes in our surroundings, even a little, to prove that the effort we make are by no means in vain.

I still vividly remember the conversation I had with Your Excellency Mr. President 80-odd days ago on the Sentosa Island in which we talked about the need to terminate the history of unfortunate past of our two countries to resolve the issue of denuclearization on the principle of phased, synchronized actions and to work together to open a bright future for the two countries - something no one has done before. If our goodwill and sincere efforts are properly appreciated and the United States to take more substantive steps and actions in a phased manner, significant progress will be made in the issue of denuclearization that is the focus of the world. And this indeed will be recorded in history as your Excellency's great achievement. I fully support the idea of a second DPRK-US summit that your Excellency have already mentioned in public and will be glad to meet with Your Excellency Mr. president at any time of your convenience. I am rather curious to know how your Excellency would think about this, and I really am looking forward to a positive reply.

I am always pleased about and cherish the excellent relationship that I have formed with such a powerful and

preeminent president of the united states of America as your Excellency. This confidence that I have in your Excellency will never change. I am deeply convinced that the many miraculous changes that we have brought about this year beyond the imagination of everyone will lead to many more in the future on the basis of the excellent relationship that exists between Your Excellency and myself.

I wish Your Excellency Mr. President even greater success in all your important work as well as your good health. I extend my warm greetings to the First Lady and other members of your family.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Kim Jong Un

September 6, 2018

## Kim to Trump

September 21, 2018

Your Excellency Mr. President,

I acknowledge that our meeting again in the near future will be very useful for removing distrust and building confidence between our two countries and making big progress in the issue of denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. I am not sure how Your Excellency would think about this, but I am confident that when we meet again we can confirm our respective positions and certainly reach an agreement that will come to fruition. I have a feeling that very good results may come about in my next meeting with Your Excellency and I will work hard to make that happen.

I hope to discuss the issue of denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula directly with Your Excellency, not with President Moon Jae-in of South Korea, in future and I think the excessive interest President Moon is showing as now in our matter is unnecessary. If Your Excellency agrees with me, please do send Pompeo to Pyongyang again at an early date. I will meet with the person with the authority delegated by Your Excellency and discuss and plan the steps forward, including the time and

venue of our meeting.

As I wrote in my previous letter, my confidence and respect for Your Excellency will never change, though many people are skeptical about the current status and the prospects of the relations between our countries about our ideas of resolving the issue of denuclearization in the future. I, together with Your Excellency, will definitely prove them wrong. The excellent relations between us will serve as the basis for the wonderful achievements we will make in the future and such a belief will be the driving force for all our successful work.

I sincerely wish Your Excellency Mr. president great success in your important work. I extend my warm greetings to the First Lady.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Kim Jong Un

September 21, 2018

## Trump to Kim

[on White House stationery]

December 24, 2018

His Excellency Kim Jong Un

Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic  
People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang

Dear Chairman Kim,

We had a great 2018. I wanted to wish you a wonderful 2019.  
I look forward to our next summit and to making real progress  
on denuclearization and a really bright future for your people  
under your leadership in the year ahead.

Please give my warmest regards to your beautiful family and  
the people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.  
Looking forward to seeing you soon.

[signed Donald Trump in black magic marker]



## Kim to Trump

25 December 2018

Your Excellency,

It has been 200 days since the historic DPRK-US summit in Singapore this past June, and the year is now almost coming to an end. Even now I cannot forget that moment of history when I firmly held Your Excellency's hand at the beautiful and sacred location as the whole world watched with great interest and hope to relive the honor of that day. As I mentioned at that time, I feel very honored to have established an excellent relationship with a person such as your Excellency.

As the new year 2019 approaches, critical issues that require endless effort toward even higher ideals and goals still await us. Just as Your Excellency frankly noted, as we enter the new year the whole world will certainly once again come to see, not so far in the future, another historic meeting between myself and Your Excellency reminiscent of a scene from a fantasy film.

I have already instructed my closest and most trusted colleagues and the relevant organs to speed up the preparations for holding a second DPRK-US summit and am prepared to

achieved good results with Your Excellency during the next meeting.

Nevertheless, what worries me is that it may not reflect positively on us should both sides appear to stubbornly insist on our respective positions regarding the location of the summit. It could also result in wasting a lot of time. Therefore, my position is to urgently hold senior-level contact between the DPRK and the us to internally [translator's note: privately] discuss and coordinate issues regarding the location.

I hope that Your Excellency will once again demonstrate great decisiveness and excellent leadership to accomplish results in the second DPRK summit. I wholeheartedly hope that the things that Your Excellency seeks to achieve will come to great fruition.

I wish the honorable First Lady, your family and those close to you good health, happiness and great success.

Sincerely, with unchanging, respect for your Excellency the President,

Chairman State Affairs Commission  
Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Kim Jong Un

25 December 2018

## Trump to Kim

[on White House stationery]

December 28, 2018

His Excellency Kim Jong Un

chairman of the state Affairs commission of the Democratic  
People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang

Dear Chairman Kim,

I just received your letter and very much appreciate your warm feelings and thoughts. Like you, I have no doubt that a great result will be accomplished between our two countries, and that the only two leaders who can do it are you and me. The location of our next summit, to which I am very much looking forward, will not be a problem for me. Also I do not mind meeting closer to your country than mine, [in? and?] that travel is probably far easier for me than for you. I have heard that numerous locations have been rejected but that Bangkok, Thailand or Hanoi, Vietnam would be acceptable.

I wish you a prosperous and joyful start to a happy new year

and look forward to meeting you very soon. Best wishes to your family and friends.

Sincerely,  
Donald Trump

[“Best wishes” above is underlined in black magic marker.]

## Trump to Kim

[on White House stationery]

January 8, 2019

His Excellency Kim Jong Un  
Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic  
People's Republic of Korea  
Pyongyang

Dear Chairman Kim,

I heard it was your birthday and I wanted to wish you a happy day. You will have many great years of celebration and success. Your country will soon be on a historic and prosperous path.

Sincerely,  
Donald Trump

## Kim to Trump

January 17, 2019

Your Excellency Mr. President,

I express my sincere appreciation to Your Excellency Mr. President for inviting my special envoy and high-level delegation to Washington out of your special and strong aspiration for better relations between the DPRK and the US despite your busy schedule in the beginning of the year. It is indeed a pleasure and relief for me to start the new year 2019 with the expectation that the great relationship between us would continue, and it is my sincere hope that in the new year all the work we do together, hand in hand, will become momentous events that will shake the world.

I would like to believe that while last year was a meaningful one in which we put an end to the longstanding hostile relations between the DPRK and the US and made a commitment to a new future, this will be a more significant year that will see our bilateral relations develop into a new higher stage.

In this respect, a second DPRK-US summit will be a very crucial and weighty historic event equal to the Singapore meeting. I am doing everything possible in my power for the

successful opening of a second summit, and I have authorized my special envoy Kim Yong-chol and the high-level delegation to convey my thoughts on the venue, time and agenda for the meeting to Your Excellency Mr. President and your side and have full discussions.

I have no doubt that I would receive a report that this DPRK-US high-level talks in Washington went smoothly and reached a good agreement thanks to the attention of Your Excellency.

I look forward to seeing you again soon, Your Excellency Mr. President, in good health and full of energy in our most meaningful meeting.

Sincerely,  
Kim Jong Un

## Trump to Kim

[written by hand in black magic marker, with a slant, covering  
a whole piece of White house stationery:]

1/18/2019

Mr. Chairman,

A great meeting and message. We are together doing  
something very historic. I will see you soon.

Your friend,  
Donald J. Trump



## Trump to Kim

[written by hand in black magic marker on White House stationery:]

February 19, 2019

Chairman,

I look forward to seeing you next week. It will be great!

Best wishes,  
Donald J. Trump

[There is page of four pictures of the two of them meeting, possibly from a North Korean newspaper. A note in black magic marker reads] Chairman so great. Good pictures. Best wishes.

## Trump to Kim

(on White House stationery)

March 22, 2019

His Excellency Kim Jong Un

Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic  
People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang

Dear Chairman Kim,

I am writing today to send you warm greetings for the upcoming anniversary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung, the founder of your great country. You have carried forward his vision for your people and you now have an historic opportunity to fulfill his dying wish - to achieve denuclearization. I am certain, that under your leadership, the Democratic People's Republic of North Korea will achieve its enormous potential. Thank you again for making this long journey to Hanoi. As I said to you when we parted ways, you are my friend and always will be. Contrary to some media reports about our meeting, you and I have made tremendous progress. Although there is still a

lot of work to do, I have great hope and expectation about what you and I can accomplish together in the months and years to come if we remain committed to our shared goals.

Give my warm regards to your beautiful family.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Trump

[Note: “warm regards to your” above is underlined in black magic marker]

## Kim to Trump

June 10, 2019

Your Excellency Mr. President,

I am writing this letter to you as we are nearing the first anniversary of our meeting in Singapore on June 12 - the historic moment of great significance that captured the attention of the world and left an imprint still indelible in my memory - as well as to congratulate you on your birthday, which is just days away. I take it as a great honor to be able to send such a letter to Your Excellency.

I extend my sincere and warm regards to Your Excellency on the occasion of your birthday. My regards also to the First Lady and the rest of your family and all your people, and I wish everyone good health and happiness and hope that everyone's dream will become a beautiful reality.

Like the brief time we had together a year ago in Singapore, every minute we shared 103 days ago in Hanoi was also a moment of glory that remains a precious memory. Such a precious memory that I have in my unwavering respect for you will provide an impetus for me to take my steps when we walk toward each other again someday in the future.

I also believe that the deep and special friendship between us will work as a magical force that leads the progress of the DPRK-US relations, clearing all the hurdles we face in the process of bringing about the developments we seek to achieve.

Your Excellency Mr. President, I still respect and lay my hopes on the will and determination that you showed in our first meeting to resolve the issue of our unique style that nobody had ever tried, and to write a new history. Today's reality is that without a new approach and the courage it takes, the prospects for resolution of the issue will only be bleak.

I believe the one day will come sooner or later when we sit down together to make great things happen, with the will to give another chance to our mutual trust. Such a day should come again. It may well be recorded as yet another fantastic moment in history.

Happy birthday once again, Your Excellency. I hope Your Excellency will always be in good health and achieve success in your work. I extend my best wishes on behalf of my family to the First Lady and the rest of your family.

Sincerely yours,

Kim Jong Un

June 10, 2019

## Trump to Kim

[on White House stationery]

June 12, 2019

His Excellency Kim Jong Un  
chairman of the state Affairs commission of the Democratic  
People's Republic of Korea  
Pyongyang

Dear Mr. Chairman,

It is great to hear from you. Thank you for your letter and warm birthday wishes. I hope you and your family are doing well.

It is hard to believe that a full year has passed since our historic first meeting in Singapore. It was on that day, one year ago, that you and I made a number of extraordinary commitments to one another - you committed to completely denuclearize, and I committed to provide security guarantees. We both committed to establish new relations for our two countries and to build a lasting and stable peace regime on the Korean peninsula.

I completely agree with you. You and I have a unique style

and a special friendship. Only you and I, working together, can resolve the issues between our two countries and end nearly 70 years of hostility, bringing an era of prosperity to the Korean peninsula that will exceed all our greatest expectations and you will be the one to lead. It will be historic!

I agree with you and think it would be a great thing for us to meet again. There's some work to be done to prepare for that day. As you said, success requires courage. So in that spirit, let us direct our teams to meet again in the coming weeks to take a fresh look at ways to fulfill the commitments you and I made one year ago today. I look forward to hearing from you. As always, I wish you great success. Please give my warm regards to your beautiful family.

Sincerely,  
Donald Trump

[Note: "good health and great success" above are underlined in black magic marker]

## Trump to Kim

[on White House stationery]

June 29, 2019

His Excellency Kim Jong Un

Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic  
People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang

Dear Chairman Kim,

As you may have seen, I am traveling today from Osaka, Japan to the Republic of Korea, and since I will be so close to your I would like to invite you to meet me at the border tomorrow afternoon. I will be near the DMZ in the afternoon and propose a meeting at 3:30 at the Peace House on the southern side of the military demarcation line. I have no specific agenda for our meeting, but think it would be great to see you again since we will be so close to each other. Hope to see you tomorrow!

Sincerely,

Donald Trump



## Trump to Kim

[on White House stationery]

June 30, 2019

His Excellency Kim Jong Un

Chairman of the state Affairs commission of the Democratic  
People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang

Dear Chairman Kim,

Being with you today was truly amazing. Even the media, which always likes to say that everything is bad, is giving you accolades for inviting me into your country. They said, you demonstrated great foresight and courage in accepting a meeting on such short notice and very public notice. Most importantly I thought our meeting went very well. The potential of your country is truly limitless, and I am confident that incredible prosperity awaits you and your people in the future as we continue to work together.

[handwritten in black magic marker:] Great being with you!

Sincerely,  
Donald Trump

[“Great” above is underlined with black magic marker]

[There is a photocopy of the whole NYT front page from July 7, 2019. There is a picture of Trump and Kim The headline of the story is “After Twitter overture, Trump and Kim North Korean soil.” The words are hard to make out. In magic, Trump writes:]  
Chairman, great picture of you, big time.

## Trump to Kim

[on White House stationery]

July 2, 2019

His Excellency Kim Jong Un

chairman of the state Affairs commission of the Democratic  
People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Enclosed are photographs taken at our momentous summits in Singapore and Hanoi and at our historic meeting on June 30, 2019 at the joint security area. It was an honor to cross into your country and to resume our important discussion.

I have tremendous confidence in our ability to strike a big deal that leads to immense prosperity for you and your people, shed you of your nuclear burden, and inspires generations to come.

These images are great memories for me and capture the unique friendship that you and I have developed. (Copies of 22 photos were included in what was sent to Chairman Kim.)

## Kim to Trump

August 5, 2019

Your Excellency,

More than 30 days have passed since we have had a meaningful reunion on June 30 at the North-South Military Demarcation line, a symbol of hostility and confrontation. Truly even as I recall it again I'm struck at what a great moment it was.

I'm delighted to receive each and every single picture you specifically chose from that day, which holds special meaning and will remain an internal memory from that momentous and historic day. Those photographs now hang in my office. I express my appreciation to you, and I will remember that moment forever.

Your Excellency has left an extraordinary historical legacy, and going forward will continue to lead a great change in history.

Your Excellency, I remember clearly the promise I made 30 days ago to have experts from our two countries sit down face-to-face in a few weeks' time to discuss the work that Your Excellency and I need to do in the future. However, the current

environment is different from that day.

My belief was that the provocative combined military exercises would either be cancelled or postponed ahead of our two countries' working-level negotiations where we would continue to discuss important matters. Against whom is the combined military exercises taking place in the southern part of the Korean Peninsula, who are they trying to block, and who are they intended to defeat and attack?

It can't be that the South Korean forces are discussing the issue of wartime operational control in order to fight a tribe on the other side of the earth or to fight against the Iranian army 70,000 kilometers away.

Conceptually and hypothetically, the main target of the war preparatory exercises is our own military. This is not our misunderstanding.

As if to support our view, a few days ago the person who they call the minister of national defense of South Korea said that the modernization of our conventional commercial weapons was deemed a "provocation" and a "threat" and that if we continue to "provoke" and "threaten" they will classify my administration and military as an "enemy." Now and in the future, South Korean military cannot be my enemy. As you mentioned at some point, we have a strong military without the need of special means and the truth is that South Korean

military is no match against my military.

Putting aside the disparity in military strength, I have no intention of either attacking South Korea or of starting a war. I truly do not have those thoughts. The problem is, why do they engage in this noisy commotion with these exercises, saying that they are preparing themselves with the assumption that there will be a bloody fratricidal war that nobody wants to think about it? Instead it would be wiser for them to think of ways to reduce military tensions by improving relations with us.

The thing I like even less is that the US military is engaged in these paranoid and hypersensitive actions with the South Korean people. I do not understand the purpose of having these “wargames” that we consider as threatening at the time when we are rooking ahead of this very important meeting. At present, it is very difficult for me and my people to understand your side’s and the South Korean authority’s decisions and actions. The most important cause of what your side considers the headache of “missile threats” and nuclear problem is the military actions of your side and the South Korean military that threatens our safety. And until these elements are eliminated, no changed outcome can be anticipated.

I am clearly offended and I do not want to hide this feeling from you. I am really, very offended. At every opportunity after we met, you said there are no more artificial earthquakes and

no objects flying in the sky. You also said that the detainees have been released and returned and the remains have been returned. In this vein, I have done more than I can at this present stage, very responsively and practically in order to keep the trust we have. However, what has Your Excellency done and what am I to explain to my people about what has changed since we met? Have actions been relaxed or any my country's external environments been improved? Have military exercises been stopped? It would be a big mistake if US self-assesses this as an accomplishment of US policy toward DPRK through use of pressure and dialogue.

I do not wish to do anything to disappoint you any time soon, nor do I plan to do so. If you do not think of our relationship as a stepping stone that only benefits you, then you would not make me look like an idiot that will only give without getting anything in return.

My letter has gone long, but to state my main point, regrettably now is not the time to engage in working-level talks. It is not the right atmosphere in my country, and if we were to move forward with working-level talks now, our leadership would be viewed as strange by the outside world and by us as well. We will not have to reconsider the working-level talks when the "wargames" of the US and South Korea that I so strongly asked to be stopped becomes a thing of the past weekend. What

kind of working level talks could we possibly have? It obviously would not be about the sanctions relief, which I very much wanted, nor will it be about the location of our fourth summit talks.

To put it another way, we are not in a hurry. If this were like Hanoi, just a few months ago, when I held onto the dream of hastening the start of a better life, it would be different. But we are in a different situation, and we are not in a hurry.

And there are now about five months left until the end of the year, which I commented on at one point. In coming up with a good agreement, these months can be seen as long or as short depending on what we do. Please reach out to me again when the “military game” and “wargame” with South Korea has ended. At that time, we will discuss the time and location of the working level talks.

Your Excellency, I am immensely proud and honored that we have a relationship where I can send and receive such candid thoughts with you. You are a statesman with great might. I consider it an honor to have this special relationship with you. I will put in even greater effort, Mr. President, to protect my faith in you.

As you also commented while we were improvement testing very small missiles, which all nations do, we slightly surprised the fools in the south and it was quite amusing.



I hope that you always enjoy good health, Mr. President, and my wish is for you to realize even greater accomplishments.

To your respected First Lady [and?] your loving family, I send my warm wishes and greetings.

Sincerely,

Kim Jong Un

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