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**Summary:**

The Hungarian Embassy in North Korea reports on South Korea's nuclear capabilities and technology, as reported by the Washington Post.

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[...]

Assisted by the USA, the [South Korean] defense industry, with the exception of those weapons whose production needs great technological precision, is developing rapidly. South Korea started to manufacture guided missiles. A successful test of the latter took place last September. In 1980 they will start to manufacture the electronic equipment of arms and airplanes. Recently, in the 22 December 1978 issue of The Washington Post, American journalists Roland Evans and Robert Novak pointed out that "South Korea already possesses the technological documentation needed for the independent production of nuclear weapons."

[...]

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