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**US Department of State Cable, ROK Plans to  
Develop Nuclear Weapons and Missiles**

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1. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE EXCELLENT ANALYSIS CONTAINED  
REFTEL REGARDING ROKG INTENTIONS IN NUCLEAR FIELD.

2. WE HAVE ASKED INTERAGENCY INTELLIGENCE GROUP PREPARE  
ESTIMATE CURRENT ROK CAPABILITIES AND FUTURE POTENTIAL.  
UPON CONCLUSION THAT STUDY, WE WILL THEN ADDRESS SPECIFIC  
EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED PARA 11 REFTEL. INGERSOLL

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