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TO: The Secretary  
FROM: EAP - Stanley O. Roth <sup>SOR</sup>  
SUBJECT: Your Visit to Pyongyang, DPRK

ISSUE FOR DECISION

To determine key meetings and events that you would like to have take place during your planned visit to Pyongyang, tentatively slated for the week of October 23.

ESSENTIAL FACTORS

Because you will be meeting with Chairman Kim Jong Il in Pyongyang, the DPRK has told us it will "roll out the red carpet" and "cooperate fully" in arranging a successful visit. As an indication of the visit's high priority, the DPRK has agreed to let advance personnel and equipment for the visit cross over the DMZ from South Korea. Given the lack of any USG presence on the ground and the DPRK's generally rigid ways, however, the combined EAP-S/S advance team will face formidable diplomatic and logistical tasks in arranging a full-scale Secretarial visit on such short notice.

While Kim Jong Il's imprimatur removes many obstacles, it also means that key elements of the trip will be subject to his wishes, and thus more fluid. Kim Dae-jung's visit to Pyongyang is instructive: Kim Jong Il unexpectedly welcomed him at the airport, rode along in his limousine, hosted numerous meals, and so on. This element of unpredictability makes it important that we remain flexible and that you seriously consider spending two nights in Pyongyang, both to give Chairman Kim time to digest fully your message and to allow for the possibility that he might want to meet a second time, perhaps to give you a personal reply for President Clinton.

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In addition to your talks in Pyongyang, it is likely that other U.S. officials in the delegation will meet with their counterparts to help move toward resolution of key bilateral concerns, including missiles and terrorism, as was the case with Counselor Sherman and Kang Sok Ju during Jo's visit to Washington.

Only as time allows, there may be an opportunity to make a short trip outside Pyongyang to inspect a World Food Program (WFP) feeding site. This would underscore our significant humanitarian assistance contribution to the DPRK and our support for the WFP's successful monitoring program to ensure that aid is not diverted to unintended recipients

A notional schedule for your visit is attached. All times are, of course, highly speculative and likely to change.

**Day One:** Arriving in Pyongyang in the early afternoon will allow time for an airport welcoming ceremony, a substantive meeting with a key DPRK official -- most appropriately your host, Vice Marshal Jo Myong Rok -- and a cultural event, such as a performance by an acrobatic troupe, before an evening welcoming banquet.

**Day Two:** We would look to schedule your meeting with Chairman Kim in mid-morning of the second day, consonant with Vice Marshal Jo's White House call. We would also envision a courtesy call on Foreign Minister Paek Nam Sun, as well as a possible luncheon with President Kim Yong Nam, the DPRK's titular head of state. Given the good will engendered by your two dinners in Washington with Vice Marshal Jo, you should host a reciprocal dinner for him in Pyongyang.

**Day Three:** Before a morning departure for Seoul, I suggest a joint press event with an appropriate DPRK interlocutor, possibly Vice Marshal Jo or Foreign Minister Paek. Press interest in this visit will be intense, and a joint broadcast appearance from Pyongyang will send a powerful message about the change in our bilateral ties.

In Seoul, you will want to brief President Kim Dae-jung on the outcome of your talks. You should also meet with Foreign Minister Lee Joung-Binn, preferably in a trilateral format with Japanese Foreign Minister Kono.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That you agree to spend two nights in Pyongyang.

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2. That you meet with your host, Vice Marshal Jo Myong Rok, for a substantive meeting in Pyongyang (time TBD).

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3. That you attend a welcoming banquet and cultural event.

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4. That you meet with Chairman Kim Jong Il.

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5. That you have a working lunch, either with another key DPRK official such as President Kim Yong Nam, or with Vice Marshal Jo on the second day of your visit.

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6. That you make a courtesy call on Foreign Minister Paek

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7. That you host a reciprocal dinner for Vice Marshal Jo Myong Rok on your second evening in Pyongyang.

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8. That you hold a <sup>Solo</sup> ~~joint~~ press conference on the day of your departure from Pyongyang with an appropriate DPRK counterpart to discuss key accomplishments of the visit.

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