

Jo Myong Rok, addressed as "Mr. Vice Marshal"

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Checklist of Key Issues

Your Meeting with North

Korean Special Envoy Vice Marshal

Jo Myong Rok

**Note:** This will be the first meeting of any USG official with DPRK Vice Marshal Jo Myong Rok.

1. **(Must Do) Introductions:** Welcome to Washington; pleased to host historic visit; appreciate Kim Jong Il's decision to dispatch his envoy to Washington; introduce Amb. Sherman as Special Advisor to the President and the Secretary of State and North Korea Policy Coordinator.
2. **(Must Do) Approach to Visit:** U.S., like the DPRK, wants to end a half-century of hostility; understand significance of Jo's selection as special envoy of Kim Jong Il; both symbolism and substance of visit vital; this is opportunity to make progress in critical areas of concern to us, including missiles.
3. **(Must Do) POTUS Meeting:** President looks forward to meeting Jo and receiving message from Kim Jong Il; President watches developments on Korean Peninsula closely and has been deeply impressed by positive developments there. He fully shares desire to move beyond state of hostility.

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## 1. (Must Do) Introductions

- Welcome to Washington.
- Pleased to host your historic visit.
- Appreciate Chairman Kim Jong Il's decision to dispatch a special envoy to Washington.
- With me is Ambassador Sherman, who has recently succeeded Dr. Perry as Special Advisor to the President and the Secretary of State; also holds title of North Korea Policy Coordinator.

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## 2. (Must Do) Approach to Visit

- Applaud the vision displayed by Chairman Kim Jong Il in meeting with President Kim Dae Jung during June summit. The U.S., like the DPRK, wants to end half-century of hostility between our countries.
- Recognize the significance of your historic visit as the Special Envoy of Chairman Kim Jong Il.
- Both the symbolism and substance of this visit critical to charting the way forward. Will try to make concrete progress in our meetings on obstacles to better bilateral relations, like missile issue.
- Understand from Ambassador Sherman that discussions in Pyongyang last May were candid and frank. Hope discussions here in Washington carry on that example. Only through an honest exchange of views that we will be able to move on to relations of trust and mutual benefit.

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## 3. (Must Do) POTUS Meeting

- The President looks forward to meeting you.
- The President has followed developments on the Korean Peninsula closely. He has been deeply impressed by the progress in North South Dialogue.
- The President shares Kim Jong Il's desire to move beyond state of hostility between our countries. The President believes recent developments on the Peninsula have created a unique opportunity for progress toward permanent peace.
- The President likely to emphasize that, unless resolved, the missile issue will remain an obstacle to normalization and we will be looking to the North to implement the new understanding with regard to our relationship by squarely addressing this problem.

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