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**To:** H  
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**Subject:** Fw: Update for S

Morning update

**From:** Patel, Nirav S  
**Sent:** Monday, December 19, 2011 06:33 AM  
**To:** Kagan, Edgard D; Campbell, Kurt M; Hart, Clifford A; Davies, Glyn T; Sullivan, Jacob J  
**Cc:** Kim, Sung Y  
**Subject:** Update for S

Jake,

See below for S call (as discussed).

Ops will build a call at 0715 with this email chain, and then I will leave to you and Kurt to engage S around 0730.

**Background points for S:**

- North Korean media announced at 12:00 pm December 19 (10:00 pm EST on December 18) that Kim Jong Il died of a heart attack on December 17 while on an inspection trip. The North Koreans have announced that the funeral will be December 28, with Kim Jong Un (KJU) heading up the funeral committee.
- There are no signs of instability or unusual military movements in North Korea. Official announcements have signaled support by key institutions for KJU (termed the "Great Successor").
- As in 1994, when Kim Il Sung died, the North Koreans made an announcement made over 24 hours after death. The mourning period will again be 10 days, with the presumed successor heading the official funeral committee.
- We have had no direct contact with the North Koreans since KJI's death. We expect that they will seek to delay meetings tentatively scheduled for later this week.
- Maintaining close coordination with the ROK will be our top priority. The ROK has responded cautiously, with President Lee and his top officials holding marathon meetings. [redacted] Ambassador Sung Kim and US Forces Korea Commander General Thurman are in close touch with their counterparts. [redacted]

- [redacted] Japan has issued a condolence statement. FM Gemba is eager to discuss North Korea with you during your planned meeting in Washington. His visit offers a chance to emphasize to the Japanese our commitment to close coordination.

■ [redacted] Beijing's Six-Party Talks Deputy urged DCM Wang that the U.S. should go forward with nutritional assistance and another round of U.S. – NK talks [redacted] He added that China has had no serious contact with the North Koreans, but said this is because they were preoccupied with responding to KJI's death. DCM Wang is scheduled to meet with Executive Vice Minister Zhang around 0800 EST (Monday).

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■ Your meeting with FM Gemba will be the first chance to send the signal we are working closely with our allies and cooperating with our friends in region.

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**U.S. Diplomatic Actions since Announcement of KJI's Death**

- White House issued statement
- President called ROK President Lee Myung Bak
- [redacted]
- U.S. Ambassador to Korea Sung Kim met with ROK FM Kim
- A/S Campbell spoke to Japanese Amb. Fujisaki, ROK Amb. Han
- A/S Campbell called ROK Deputy FM Kim
- Special Representative Davies spoke with his ROK counterpart
- Beijing DCM Wong spoke to Xu Bu, China's Deputy Head of Delegation to the Six-Party Talks
- Special Envoy Hart spoke with Russian Deputy Head of Delegation Logvinov

**U.S. Diplomatic Actions Coming Up**

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