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Has President Obama Waited Too Long on Iran and North Korea?

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On February 13, 2013, David Albright, an acknowledged atomic expert, told the 38 North Organization that "At ISIS, we have assessed for some time that North Korea likely has the capability to mount plutonium based nuclear warheads on the shorter range Nodong missile, but not on" ICBMs, "although it shows progress" in this effort. "It is likely that" North Korea finished developing a warhead "to fit on the Nodong". The 2009 two – seven kiloton explosion "can be interpreted as a result of miniaturizations." The test, he said, "could have, as North Korea stated, demonstrated this capability." The Nodong can almost reach from Tehran to Tel Aviv.

On March 9, 2013, CBS National News reported the message of the February test was "nuclear weapons are for sale," quoting Graham Allison, nuclear expert at Harvard's Kennedy School.

Robert Gallucci, a former diplomat, feared terrorists could come across "our long unprotected borders" with nuclear IEDS "against which we have no certain deterrent or defensive response."

In February, 2013, the Jerusalem Post ran an article from the Daily Telegraph showing a plutonium heavy water plant, just activated, at Arak, Iran. The plant, guarded by anti-aircraft (missile and artillery) weapons, is believed to be capable of producing plutonium for nuclear weapons. Iran uses uranium for their bombs, but Korea uses plutonium.

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This might be a reversal of the couple year ago discovery of a uranium producing facility in North Korea which was quite advanced, according to the expert who saw it.

On February 28, 2013, Fox News, reacting to a report of a top Iranian scientist being present at the February North Korean nuclear test, quoted Ambassador Thomas Graham Jr, saying if true, "then it would appear that China or some element of China are cooperating with nuclear programs in North Korea and Iran." The tests, estimated at 6–7 kilotons, could be for miniaturized mounting on Nodong missiles. "It could appear," Graham said, "that North Korea is building nuclear weapons for transfer to Iran." "The west could have it all wrong, the Iranians perhaps in fact are going to use their enrichment facilities ... to fabricate peaceful grade uranium and have outsourced their nuclear program to North Korea."

A year ago, Hans Rühle, a German nuclear expert, told the Times of Israel, "By now, several intelligence agencies assume that North Korea in 2010 indeed performed a nuclear test for Iran." He likewise felt that a second, unreported as was the first, test in 2010 was also for Iran's benefit. Citing the scientific studies of atmospheric analysis after the tests, Rühle said, "there are only two explanations for what happened, either North Korea developed a uranium (bomb) in secret or it tested for another nation,

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probably Iran." (3/5/12) Ruhle believes, if true, President Obama's "policy on non-proliferation failed."

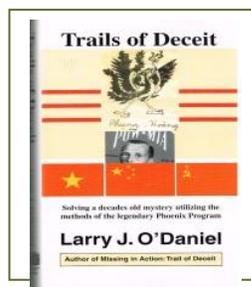
If true, it might explain the NPR 2/20/13 story that Tehran started installing high tech machines at Natanz capable of accelerating production of reactor fuel and with further upgrading it could produce "the core of nuclear warheads." The machines are capable of enriching uranium 3-5 times faster than presently.

Mr. President, your national security team, which leans decidedly arabist in thinking, appears to be on another planet in their calculations concerning the threats from Iran and North Korea. Do they even acknowledge that Iran has possessed since 1993, warheads, described as a four 50 kiloton nuclear warheads upgraded and adapted to fit on the then being developed Nodong 1 missiles; four 40 kiloton warheads for SCUD type surface to surface missiles; one bomb designed for a MIG 27 delivery system; and a 152 mm artillery shell. These came from Kazakhstan.

Do they give credit for these nuclear experts? Do they acknowledge that North Korea and Iran have been trading expertise for years.

If North Korea has a working warhead for their Nodong, then why doesn't Iran have the capability of putting it on their either Nodong or Nodong variant missiles?

"Ruhle believes, if true, President Obama's policy on "non-proliferation" failed."



Larry J. O' Daniel, author of the new book "Trails of Deceit."

Did North Korea sell Iran "weapons grade uranium" years ago? Are the Israeli's right and you wrong on how far advanced all this is? Or are you so devoted to unilateral disarmament that you will not acknowledge being wrong?

What happened in Korea in 2010? Everyone but your defense team believe Korea helped Iran in their nuclear program? A blind man can read between the lines of every non-government nuclear writings about the collaboration between the two rogue terrorist countries. Even IAEA has given not so subtle warnings during your administration.

As the new leader of North Korea flexes his muscles (even though he has even less experience in governing that a certain community organizer), does your security team watch the powers behind his throne, his aunt and uncle? Is he threatening to use real weapons or soon to be developed weapons that we are far behind on intelligence in acknowledging? What are you not telling us about the now bicoastal missile defense system you once denounced? Why the sudden change of heart in building what Bush started?

This is not about Fast and Furious arming of cartels, where you lied. This is not about the killing of four diplomatic personnel, where you lied. This is not about the assassination of a terrorist leader when he could have been captured and interrogated and tried, where you lied. This is about two countries collaborating to destroy this country and our ally Israel. Come clean, if you even know how to.

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