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### ***South Korea's Nuclear Mis-Adventures***

This paper by Jungmin Kang, Tatsujiro Suzuki, and Peter Hayes examines the recent disclosures of a ROK uranium enrichment program. Jungmin Kang is an independent nuclear policy analyst in Seoul and Associate of Nautilus Institute; Tatsujiro Suzuki is a nuclear analyst affiliated with University of Tokyo in Tokyo; Peter Hayes is Director of Nautilus Institute in San Francisco.

### ***Hayes Informs New York Times On ROK Uranium Enrichment Program***

In a New York Times story called "South Korean Scientist Calls Uranium Test 'Academic'" by James Brooke, Peter Hayes was quoted as saying, "'from a technical and scientific perspective, it's no big deal, and South Korea acquired no significant quantity of enriched uranium,' said Peter Hayes. Then, listing the treaties the experiment may have violated, he added, 'But, politically and legally, it's an enormous embarrassment.' Looking ahead to the next round of regional talks on North Korea's nuclear program, Mr. Hayes said the enrichment experiment here at Taejon had given North Korea 'a ready-made, high-caliber projectile to counter the U.S. and its allies at the six-party talks.'"

### ***Hayes Informs The Media On DPRK Nuclear Issue, US Elections***

Peter Hayes was interviewed on WBEZ Chicago's Worldview Program on September 13th, 2003, discussing the recent blast in the DPRK and on KQED San Francisco's Forum Program on September 14th, 2004, discussing the DPRK nuclear issue and its impact on the November US Presidential Elections.

### ***The North Korea Nuclear Issue: The Road Ahead***

This a paper by Robert J. Einhorn, Senior Adviser at the [Center for Strategic and International Studies](#) and formerly Assistant Secretary of State for Nonproliferation in 1999 to August 2001. Einhorn writes: "if the North Koreans have decided they must have a substantial nuclear weapons capability whatever we may do (hardly a remote possibility), they would likely reject a reasonable offer. In that event, the next U.S. administration would have little choice but to turn to a longer-term strategy of pressure, containment, and eventual rollback. But having made a proposal that North Korea's neighbors considered fair and balanced, we would be in a stronger position to gain multilateral support for that strategy."

### ***NAPSNet Top Story: N. Korea Stalling On Nuclear Talks***

The Associated Press reported that the DPRK said Thursday it will not join six-nation talks aimed at ending its nuclear

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weapons program until rival the ROK fully discloses the details of its secret atomic experiments. The DPRK "clarified its stand that it can never sit at the table to negotiate its nuclear weapon program unless truth about the secret nuclear experiments in South Korea is fully probed," KCNA quoted the DPRK spokesman as saying.

### ***FOIA Report: Eighth United States Army Chronology 1972***

The Nautilus Institute Global Disclosure / Freedom of Information Act Project will be publishing a volume from these quarterly histories once a month. These histories from US service or unified commands in the Pacific were released to Nautilus under US Freedom of Information Act requests.

### ***Crop And Food Supply Assessment Mission To The DPRK***

This is a report by FAO/WFP, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Food Program. The report states "although a Government / UNICEF / WFP nutrition survey in October 2002 indicated an improvement in the general nutritional status of children, malnutrition remains alarmingly high."

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