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Heads up teamwork by in particular Embassy Beijing, EAP/K, EAP/P, PA, [redacted] INR and others helped us handle this morning's launch announcement with a minimum of churning. Highlights of where we are:

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DPRK: Rationale they have provided for a launch between Dec 10-22 is this is 'at the behest of Kim Jong Il,' which replaces last March's reference to the Kim Il Sung centennial. [redacted]

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Press: regional media, wire services, U.S. dailies' websites, news channels and others we've seen are providing straightforward coverage. Most are highlighting the ROK's strong reaction and are analyzing this as a challenge to the new PRC leadership team and as unhelpful interference in the ROK presidential elections' endgame. Exactly where we want the story to be.

Next Steps: Two phases ahead of us: [redacted]

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At lower level, the ROK's Lim Sungham is coming to DC midweek next week and the GOJ's DG Sugiyama plans an early visit as well.

We will generate another demarche cable, ensuring we cover all departing and incoming UNSC members.

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