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Statement by Ambassador Joseph DeTrani, North Korea Mission Manager,

"There has been considerable misinterpretation of the Intelligence Community's view of North Korean efforts to pursue a uranium enrichment capability.

"The intelligence in 2002 was high quality information that made possible a high confidence judgment about North Korea's efforts to acquire a uranium enrichment capability. The Intelligence Community had then, and continues to have, high confidence in its assessment that North Korea has pursued that capability.

"We have continued to assess efforts by North Korea since 2002. All Intelligence Community agencies have at least moderate confidence that North Korea's past efforts to acquire a uranium enrichment capability continue today."

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