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The National Security Council positively assesses North Korea's proposal for talks with South Korea.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI  
FROM: NICK PLATT NP  
SUBJECT: Seoul's Response to Pyongyang

I attach Seoul's response to Pyongyang's offer of talks, which will be announced by the ROK at 10:00 a.m. January 26 our time. The response was given to the State Department by the Korean Ambassador this morning. (C)

Analyzing the statement quickly, I find it constructive and moderate in tone. It answers all of the points made by Pyongyang, counterproposing a meeting by the "responsible authorities of both sides" as soon as possible. (C)

The statement, of course, will be issued in Korean. What we have so far is an unofficial translation. (U)

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