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Chairman McCain, Ranking Member Reed, and distinguished members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you and invite my comments on the US policy towards North Korea.

Economic sanctions banning the export of Pyongyang's goods, as well as, prohibiting the UN members to develop new projects together with North Korea, finance already existing ones, and increase North Koreans' employment, do not produce the desired results in the near term. Attempts to put pressure on China with the aim to change North Korea's leadership may strengthen China's positions on the Korean peninsula. Moreover, in the case of military intervention, resumption of conflict, as well as, possible spillover of the conflict beyond this territory with involvement of China, Japan and Russia leads to high economic and human losses even without nuclear weapon employment.

As the Committee is aware, the 5th MISB (A) – USPACOM of the 8th MISG (A) ensures and coordinates joint efforts of the US and our allies' government structures to counter the threat posed by North Korea's regime. But now we need to take a very hard decision and accumulate all our resources to make the heaviest information attack against Kim Jong-un and loyal high-ranking members of his party. We should organize and implement the widest possible spread of the information about assassination of Kim Jong-un within the territory of the Korean peninsula and throughout the rest of the world. As if it has been committed by his inner circle and left North Korea without its leader, resulting in a need for the US intervention in the country's situation.

To carry out these plans it is necessary to arrange publishing and cross-publishing of related materials by the mass media, journalists and bloggers on the widest scale possible. The 8th MISG (A) has not enough resources for this wide range of activities. It is imperative that our government sees the full

significance of the time when we can deliver a preventive crushing strike, but only if the efforts of the U.S. structures are fully coordinated and resourced are provided.

We, the command of the 8th MISG (A), highly appreciate the efforts and all-round support of the Senate Armed Services Committee to protect the nation's interests from growing threats by our enemies. We are looking forward to examining and discussing this issue, and would be available for any questions you may have.