

May 1992... The US and S. Korea are in agreement that Washington should not upgrade the level of its diplomatic contact with N. Korea unless Pyongyang accepted bilateral inspection of nuclear facilities with Seoul, according to Foreign Minister Lee Sang Ock on 13 May. The US inspectors want to be include in South Korean teams looking at N. Korean facilities, according to Seoul officials, as N. Korean inspectors propose to examine US as well as S. Korean bases in the south. [FEER-B, Jun.4]

Delegates of Inter-Korean Joint Nuclear Control Commission meet for their first round of working-level contacts to discuss procedures regarding the mutual inspection of nuclear facilities. (15th) VP

South and North Korea open liaison offices in Panmunjom and form three joint commissions - the joint military commission, the joint commission for economic exchanges and cooperation, and the joint commission for social and cultural exchanges and cooperation. (18th) VP

The UN Command announced that three heavily armed North Korean infiltrators were intercepted and killed by South Korean security guards during an exchange of fire in the southern section of the DMZ. (22nd) [KJDA-W] South Korea has demanded a meeting of the military armistice commission to discuss the 22 May shootout in the southern sector of the DMZ. The incident has raised concern that the North might torpedo the ongoing political and military talks to promote detente with Seoul. The North has refused to convene an armistice commission meeting for over a year, after a South Korean army general was appointed to head the Southern delegation, replacing a US general. [FEER-B, Jun 4]

IAEA inspection team arrives in Pyongyang to tour nuclear facilities in the North. (25th) VP

North Korean Red Cross Central Committee Chairman in a telephone conversation with his South Korean counterpart, proposes to hold the inter-Korean working-level contacts on June 6 to arrange procedures for exchanging family visits. (28th) VP

June 1992: Yon Hyong-muk, premier of North Korea, sends a telephone message to South Korean counterpart Chung Won-shik, and threatens to cancel the family exchange program. (4th) VP

The US House of Representatives approved a \$270 billion military budget that cuts funds to station US troops in Europe, Japan and South Korea. (5th) [KJDA-W]