

Bush believes N. Korea can end nuclear program

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CRAWFORD, Texas — Days ahead of scheduled talks with North Korea, President Bush on Sunday gave diplomatic pressure a "good chance" of succeeding in coaxing Pyongyang to end its tension-producing nuclear weapons programs.

Along with the United States, regional neighbors China, Japan and South Korea are opposed to a nuclear-armed North Korea. Bush cited that unanimity of purpose — if not of strategy — as reason for optimism.

"I believe that all four of us working together have a good chance of convincing North Korea to abandon her ambitions to develop nuclear arsenals," Bush told reporters.

The president, taking a five-day vacation at his central Texas ranch, spoke after attending Easter services at nearby Fort Hood.

He also lauded China's accession to host talks with North Korea, planned for as early as this week, as a good sign.

"The key thing in the North Korea agenda is that China is assuming a very important responsibility," he said. "China's policy is for a nuclear-weapons-free peninsula. And now that they're engaged in the process, it makes it more likely that's going to occur."

The United States has insisted on a multilateral approach to defuse the nuclear standoff, rather than the direct U.S.-North Korea engagement that Pyongyang had been demanding.

But the talks — which would

be the first substantive discussions since U.S. officials said in October that North Korea had acknowledged the existence of a uranium-based nuclear weapons program — were thrown into doubt on Friday when North Korea appeared to announce it had taken steps that could yield six to eight bombs within months.

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Later, it became unclear whether the work had actually begun or the translation was faulty. U.S. and South Korean officials said there is no proof that reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel rods was underway, and suggested the report may have been a mistranslation of the vaguely worded Korean version.

The United States believes North Korea already has one or two nuclear bombs and can extract enough plutonium from the fuel rods to make several more within months.

Bush, asked about the talks announced last week, did not directly address whether they will take place.

And a Bush spokeswoman said afterward that the presi-

dent's reference to China's involvement should not be taken as an indication the talks are definitely on. Consultations with allies in the region continue and no final decision has been made, deputy press secretary Claire Buchan said.

Earlier Sunday, the chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee said he thought the meeting would go ahead.

"China's the key here, and China has made some significant changes here just recently in their attitude to North Korea," Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., told "Fox News Sunday."

Bush's upbeat outlook on what Roberts called the "number one" security threat facing the United States contrasted, however, with another angry pronouncement from North Korea.

In the state-run Rodong Sinmun newspaper, the communist government said Sunday that North and South Koreans "should firmly unite as one to resolutely smash the U.S. moves for a war of aggression in order to protect the destiny of the nation and the future of a reunified country."

The statement underscored the huge task ahead for the talks, if they proceed.

North Korea repeatedly has accused the United States of planning to attack it after the Iraq war, a charge denied by Washington. The North has often tried to drive a wedge between South Korea and its chief ally, the United States.

And though North Korea has never admitted or denied having nuclear bombs, it has closely guarded what it sees as its right to develop them.

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Feds investigating double agent

By Danny Pollock
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LOS ANGELES — Katrina Leung was a Republican political activist, a prominent Southern California businesswoman and an FBI informer paid \$1.7 million for her work and expenses over two decades.

It was in the latter role, authorities allege, that she developed sexual relationships with two FBI counterintelligence agents and was able to steal U.S. secrets for the Chinese government.

As the suspected double agent now sits in a federal detention center, authorities are trying to determine just how much damage she did to U.S. intelligence efforts and weapons programs.

"This is not a pretty story about our intelligence community," said Michael Greenberger, a former Justice Department official in the Clinton administration who is now a law professor at the University of Maryland Center for Health and Homeland Security. "If this is the quality of intelligence going on, it raises real questions."

Court documents accuse Leung, 49, of a long list of severe security breaches, including tipping off Chinese authorities to U.S. agents looking for nuclear secrets in China, and revealing names of FBI agents investigating Chinese spying in this country.

FBI Director Robert Mueller has said the handling of intelligence assets needs to be overhauled to prevent such breaches in the future. And court documents filed by the U.S. attorney's office say the FBI will have to reassess all of its actions and intelligence analyses involving Leung's activities.

"A central goal of this reassessment will be to determine which foreign counterintelligence investigations have been thwarted or compromised by her communication of information to her People's Republic of China handlers as well as by disinformation she may have provided her FBI handlers," according to the documents filed by the U.S. attorney's office.

Among the accusations against Leung is one that she gave Chinese officials the name of an FBI agent who went to China in 1992 after investigating a critical nuclear espionage case in this country in the 1980s.

"Such surveillance could well reveal FBI counterintelligence techniques and persons of interest to the FBI," the court documents state.

The documents do not name the man, but several law enforcement officials confirmed to The Associated Press that he was William Cleveland Jr., the lead FBI agent in an investigation that targeted an alleged attempt by China to steal neutron bomb secrets. Cleveland had been having an affair with Leung since 1988, according to the records.

The court filings contain limited details about the extent of Leung's activities. But in denying her bail, U.S. Magistrate Judge Victor B. Kenton said Leung could be a flight risk because she had access to about \$872,000 in U.S. bank accounts and perhaps millions more in foreign banks.

Leung was arrested April 9 and charged with unauthorized copying of national defense information with the intent to injure the United States or benefit a foreign nation.

Her lawyers said she was a loyal American who was given documents by the FBI to pass on to China as part of an intelligence strategy.

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