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## N. Korea prepares for attack by U.S.

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SEOUL -- A manual approved by North Korean leader Kim Jong-il calls for his nation's citizens to hide in bunkers shielding portraits and statues of himself and other leaders if the United States attacks, according to Korean news reports.

The 33-page manual, dated April 7, 2004, and marked top secret after it came into the hands of the South Korean government, issues specific instructions for the mobilization of military and government officials in the event of hostilities.

In what amounts to a top priority in the manual, North Korean citizens are advised to move portraits of famous generals and "revolutionary historical material" underground and abide by a 10 p.m. curfew.

The manual was detailed in the *Kyunghyang Shinmun*, a Seoul newspaper, but the report did not indicate how the newspaper obtained the handbook. The newspaper ran a photograph of what it said were pages of the manual, which included Mr. Kim's name written in Korean along with his official stamp.

A South Korean intelligence official said last night that no information could be provided about the report or its veracity, although other news media reported that the National Intelligence Service obtained the manual in September.

The instructions say satellites and unmanned surveillance planes would be used to gather information. Missiles, it said, would be readied, but biochemical units would remain in defensive positions.

Other details include the operation of a military-run bank to house the "enemy's jewelry," such as stocks and currency, and use them for the party and the government, the manual read.

"The U.S. has fabricated the possibility of a nuclear threat and is trying to suffocate and cause us to collapse," according to the first chapter. "If it doesn't work, they may try to attack us using the excuse of the nuclear problem."

Weapons will be stored in underground bunkers or caves if military facilities aren't available, the instructions say. North Korea is thought to have an extensive network of underground tunnels and storage areas, including artillery pieces mounted on rail tracks that can slide out from mountain shelters.

The manual identified Mr. Kim as head of the country's Central Military Committee of the Workers' Party, a position he was long thought to have assumed after the death of his father, Kim Il-sung, in 1994.

A six-member U.S. congressional delegation will visit Pyongyang next week in an attempt to engage North Korea in further discussions over its nuclear program. Three rounds of six-nation talks have not resulted in an agreement, but North Korea indicated in November that it would resume discussions.

Rep. Curt Weldon, Pennsylvania Republican, will lead the bipartisan House delegation.

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