

U.S., N.Korea nuclear envoys meet

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BEIJING -- U.S. and North Korean negotiators met in China Tuesday on the communist nation's delay in declaring its nuclear programs required under the six-party talks. The meeting between Christopher Hill and his North Korean counterpart, Kim Kye Kwan, was held in Beijing to revive North Korean denuclearization talks, which also include Russia, China, Japan and South Korea, the Voice of America reported. North Korea's declaration of all its nuclear programs was to have been completed by Dec. 31, 2007. It would be the second step in the pact since the North has already shut down its main nuclear facility. Hill described his meeting as good and substantial but did not say if there was any breakthrough, VOA said. He stressed the United States would not settle for anything less than "complete and correct declaration" from the North Koreans. North Korea is to get substantial economic and other aid from the other five countries in exchange for meeting its end of the bargain toward total disarmament. U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is scheduled to visit South Korea, China and Japan beginning Sunday.

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