

## MEMORANDUM FOR CORRESPONDENTS

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U.S. and North Korean officials will resume talks Sunday in New York on the joint accounting of missing U. S. servicemen from the Korean War. The U. S. delegation, led by Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs James W. Wold, plans to discuss with the North Koreans the areas critical to making progress toward the fullest possible accounting. These areas include the reported sightings of alleged Americans currently living in North Korea; access to military archives to recover North Korean data about Americans held as POWs during the war; and establishing a schedule for resuming joint excavations to recover American remains buried in North Korean cemeteries and at specific loss sites.

This is the fourth formal negotiation between the Defense Department's POW/Missing Personnel Office and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The two sides last met in New York in May 1996 and reached an agreement which ultimately led to the joint recovery of the remains of an American serviceman. He was repatriated in July 1996, and returned to his family for burial in the United States.