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3. <C/O> IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS ANNOUNCEMENT THROUGH THE PARTY PAPER, RODONG SINMUN, REGARDING KIM JONG-UN'S 27TH BIRTHDAY AND THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DESIGNATION AS A SUCCESSOR IS A COMMENTARY ON "JUSTIFICATION" AND FUTURE PROSPECTS OF THE SUCCESSION ESTABLISHMENT FOR KIM JONG-UN, WHICH WAS MADE PUBLIC FOR THE FIRST TIME.

4. <S/P> IN ORDER TO COME UP WITH THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE UNPRECEDENTED THREE GENERATION HEREDITY SUCCESSION, IT ASSERTED THE NECESSITY OF THE ONE MAN DICTATORSHIP BY "MILITARY FIRST [POLITICS]", WHILE HINTING AT THE POSSIBILITY OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE SUCCESSION ON THIS YEAR'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KWP FOUNDATION.

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