

CHAPTER III

THE UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARDS NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT

Since the beginning of DPRK nuclear weapon crisis, United States act as an actor of “dependent” on the movement of DPRK nuclear policy. Which means that the United States always follow and adapt to the policy of DPRK nuclear development and always do reactions towards DPRK. And because of this behavior, the president of United States has a big contribution in determining United States foreign policy to DPRK. On two different characteristic between Donald Trump and Barrack Obama, created a different establishment of United States foreign policy. In other words, the role of the character is a primary influencer on presidents decision of states foreign policy. This chapter will explain about two different characteristics between Obama and Trump and how Obama response towards DPRK nuclear weapon program.

A. Characteristic of Barrack Obama Administration Towards DPRK Nuclear Weapon

Political transition of United States from Barrack Obama into Donald Trump administration created a significant changing and behavior of United States towards DPRK nuclear weapon. The significant changes appeared when two contrast doctrines met in one state and in short period of time, which in this case directly happened in political transition. The role of doctrines itself as a primary role on determining policies in one state as Henry Ford, an American industrial revolutionary said in his line “All that we ask of the men is that they do the work which is set before them.”. There is two most contrast parameter to observe the differentiation of doctrines between Obama and Trump which are the political background before the presidential administration, and also value from a political party who support the president which influence the decision of presidents.

Barrack Obama who has experienced on diplomatic affairs created influence on his characteristic when he became Presidents of United States. Barrack Obama started his political profession as an Illinois state congress, where he served 7 years from 1997 to 2004. He wound up known among Chicago political circles for utilizing hardball political strategies. A Chicago Tribune article detailed that he could get into the Illinois Senate by testing the veracity of naming petitions until the point that his rivals could never again legitimately be thought about applicants and were knocked off the tally (Clark, 2008).

Obama made his promotion career from the state senate to U.S. Representative for Illinois when he was chosen to Congress in 2004. From that point forward he has served on a few Senate boards of trustees: Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; Homeland Security and Government Affairs; Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations; Veterans' Affairs; Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services and International Security; and Subcommittee on State, Local and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration (Clark, 2008)

Furthermore, the decision of Barrack Obama also affected by how the value of Democrat Party which he represented for. Barrack Obama got the value of diplomatic which was implemented by Democrat Party before he became United States' President. As written in Democratic value principle, Democrat party believe that peace has to enhance first by making war as the last options. "We trust that while our military must be the most grounded on the planet, it should just be sent into battle when the terms of engagement are plainly introduced to the American individuals and our troops have what they have to satisfy their central goal. We trust that war should dependably be the final resort, never the main decision." (Editor, 2016)

Regarding the factors of political party principle and Barack Obama political background, they made Obama as a person which uphold the value of diplomacy and not too restrictive on armaments or hard diplomacy. As the result, Obama decision lead United States foreign policy on pursuing political procedure to keep maintaining a dynamic relationship with DPRK.

On the other hand, Donald Trump started his profession not from political affairs but from the business especially real estate company. Trump moved his privately-run company's from private units in Brooklyn and Queens to impressive Manhattan ventures, changing the summary Commodore Hotel into the Grand Hyatt and raising the most well known Trump property, the 68-story Trump Tower on Fifth Avenue, different properties bearing the celebrated name took after - Trump Place, Trump World Tower, Trump International Hotel and Tower, et cetera. There are Trump Towers in Mumbai, Istanbul and the Philippines (BBC, 2017)

Contrast with Obama in the factor of political party influence, Trump also has a tendency to his political party which is Republican political party. The value of Republican party in the United States has an interest in military aggression and military influence as a tool of seeking peace.” As Americans and as Republicans we wish for peace — so we insist on strength. We will make America safe. We seek friendship with all peoples and all nations, but we recognize and are prepared to deal with evil in the world.” (Party, 2018).

The combination of Trump lack on experiences of political background factor and Republican value which Trump has to believe makes Donald Trump has less point of view on how facing diplomatic approaches and lack of political affairs resolution. The lack of political affairs and the military tendency of Trump brought him to the provocative statement when he said on his first presidential campaign.

In his presidential campaign, Trump often expressed his ambiguity statement which is classified as a provocative statement. Oftenly, he expressed about his plan on military spending budget and foreign policy in bias delivery. For instance about his plan to increase national military spending budget which references on how he acts to killing terror for the United States. "I've never been a fan since, look, I am the most activist individual there is. I'm a major war fellow regarding I need to add up to the barrier. I need maybe an expansion in guard spending, OK? In any case, you don't assault the wrong nation." (Committee, 2015). Eventhough the statement look biased and Donald Trump did not put a proper data about his plan, but the Fiscal Year (FY) of United States increase in the period of the transition of administration.

The problem of Trump in delivering his statement not only comes from the bias of his statement but also the credibility of Trump very arguable, especially when related to national security and defense policy of United State. In His campaign, Donald Trump mentioned Barrack Obama procedure on took soft diplomacies as a tool for conflict resolution was not efficient and ineffective. He stated in his press "I will bomb out of them.' At another point amid his hour-long stemwinder, Trump pointed his fingers like a firearm and started taunt shooting. "You know the motion pictures. Shoot to start with, talk later. Right? Right? Right? You shoot, to begin with, you discuss it later." (Committee, 2015)'

The statements of Donald Trump which has controversy reflect his identity who has a passion for power and unilateral oriented on creating a resolution. However, under Donald Trump administration Dependency status of United States could reach the end even though in worst case scenario of both countries which is war an military conflict.

The different point of view between Donald Trump and Barrack Obama resulted on a different perspective on how to manage the approaches on DPRK nuclear weapon program. The response of Barrack Obama has a tendency to political affairs which in form of political approaches state-to-state. Barrack Obama created a procedure when diplomatic is more important and effective rather than military procedural. Nevertheless, Barrack Obama also use United States military capabilities but only in particular situation.

B. Obama Response on DPRK Nuclear Weapon

Since Barack Obama became the presidential candidate of United States, Barack Obama addressed as the person who could change the United States foreign policy into the approach of diplomatic procedure rather than the approach of the military. The background of Barack Obama become one of the supporting factors about his credibility in political affairs, in which he has potential in managing relationship multilaterally or bilaterally. Thus Barack Obama created positive atmosphere into Korean Peninsula since Barack Obama addressed to join involve of policy affairs for Korean which ROK and DPRK. Obama potential to change was led by the possibility to bring Korean Peninsula crisis into vis-a-vis with United States procedure and it actually brings DPRK hopes to shift the foreign policy regarding nuclear weapon program.

“A week before Obama’s inauguration, the North Korean Foreign Ministry issued a statement urging the incoming U.S. administration to readjust its approach toward North Korea’s nuclear weapons agenda. Pyongyang even appeared to call attention to how the DPRK, in the weeks prior to the Bush-Obama transition, had “refrained from its usual tirades against the United States.” (Olsen, 2010)

First-time president Barack Obama stepped into the office, Obama has a wide vision of international affairs and the relationship of the United States and DPRK was an important subject to be addressed. Barack Obama first step to neglect DPRK nuclear weapon program was to enter Six-Part Talks which already began since Bush administration. Barack Obama tried to deliver the “soft power” of United States into negotiations with DPRK in order to decrease the tension which created by nuclear weapon program. “However because the breakdown of Six-Party Talks, Obama administration mostly adopt the “Strategic Patience” in order to face DPRK in which, centered on the continued application of economic and diplomatic pressure on North Korea while articulating a conditional willingness to return to dialogue” (Daniel Wertz, 2015)

The United States under Barack Obama committed to contributing in finding a resolution to dismantle DPRK several times provoked by DPRK. However, in particular, times DPRK intentionally launched missiles into ROK military area and executed nuclear weapon tests. Not long after the Obama claimed his administration officials, the DPRK endeavored to dispatch a satellite with a multi-arrange Unha-2 rocket, which the international community announced as an infringement of UNSCR 1718. In the second attempt, DPRK launch its second nuclear test even though it has not a huge impact and relatively small, this action provokes the United States military aggression as a retaliation.

As a response to the provocation by DPRK, the United States and ROK held joint statement on military exercise in the region of ROK and claimed as the nature of a defense to preparedness. This joint statement which held between Pentagon and Rok Ministry of national defense intentionally to send a clear warning for DPRK to stop its aggressiveness behavior. Following this response, Barack Obama administration started took advance policy about countering

the threat of DPRK by not only through diplomatic way but also deterrence procedure.

Both of these procedure address in joint military exercise between United States and ROK in the period, and also how Obama attempt his procedure inside ASEAN regional Forum 2011 in Bali. "In reaction to North Korea's test of a nuclear device and then launch of deadly provocations against the South, the Obama administration unequivocally supported Seoul, pressured China strongly to rein in Pyongyang, and against China's strong objections carried out naval exercises in the Yellow Sea to serve as a warning to North Korea." (Lieberthal, 2011).

C. United States Different Policy Between Iran's Nuclear and DPRK's Nuclear

In his first discourse to the U.N. General Assembly in New York a week ago, President Donald Trump by and by undermined U.S. power and impact in his comments on the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)— the 2015 worldwide assention that remove Iran's pathways to atomic weapons. Calling the understanding "a humiliation," the Trump organization undermined to decertify Iran's consistence. Reliable with Trump's battle talk, such a move would repudiate late evaluations by top U.S. military and insight authorities, the majority of America's nearest partners, and key universal associations. It will likewise detach the United States, which will be viewed as not keeping its oath on the worldwide stage.

A move to decertify Iran's consistence would begin the clock on a 60-day window in which the U.S. Congress could reimpose by a straightforward greater part vote atomic related U.S. sanctions against Iran. Promoters of this move contend that it would build U.S. use over Iran and in addition the perpetual individuals from the U.N. Security Council in addition to Germany (the P5+1) to open the way to renegotiating the Iran bargain. President Trump claims he will

have the capacity to wring new and more stringent concessions from Iran in new talks. Truly, President Trump would be adequately hauling out of the JCPOA and disengage the United States globally. Neglecting to keep our statement on the Iran atomic assention would debilitate America's vital position far and wide and in addition in the Middle East and welcome another atomic emergency in the locale in the meantime the United States faces equipped clash with North Korea in regards to its ballistic rocket and atomic weapons programs.

Over eight months in, the Trump organization has not demonstrated the capacity to either lead the kind of complex arrangements required to limit Iran's atomic program or, more regrettable, deal with the conceivable emergency that would take after a fizzled renegotiation endeavor. However, the harm from Trump's game-plan would not exclusively be prompt: Withdrawal from the Iran atomic assention would likewise do across the board and enduring harm to American arranging validity, leaving the two partners and foes to ponder whether any arrangement hit with the United States will hold between presidential organizations

It is undeniable that nuclear weapon always becomes a top topic of diplomatic between the United States and DPRK. The existence of a weapon of mass destruction inside both states defense mechanism creates a security threat for both even though the amount from is not even close each other. However, the nuclear weapon always becomes the source of terror even in the small scale of the number. Negotiations from both states have never been accomplishing seriously since 1993 of Agreed Framework. During negotiations process, there were must be a factor which worsening the diplomacy process.

DPRK has created many statements and trials of nuclear and missile weapon which resulted in the high tension of foreign policy by the United States. One of the fatal statement of encouragement by DPRK was the trials which intentionally targeting the United States into the range of nukes.

DPRK confidently addressed his intention during his 2018 New Years resolution by stated that the whole territory of the US is inside the scope of DPRK nuclear weapons and the nuclear catch is dependable on the work area of his office. The Hwasong-15, DPRK most achieving intercontinental ballistic rocket (ICBM), could probably go around 13,000km. This possibly puts the entire world inside the range, except for Latin America and Antartica.

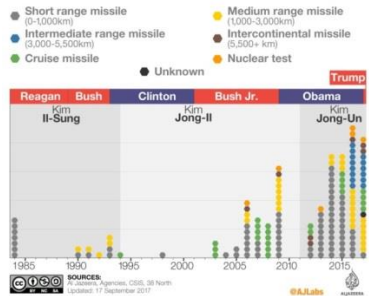
This probability range was assessed in light of the Hwasong-15 execution in a test-dispatch on November 29, when it flew for around 53 minutes before arriving in the ocean. Prior to July, North Korea's test-propelled the Hwasong-14, with a hypothetical scope of 10,400km. The rocket flew for around 45 minutes before arriving in the Sea of Japan. On September 15, North Korea's additionally tried its mid-extend Hwasong-12 rocket which went around 3,700km over Japan and has a range capability of 4,000km, which incorporates Guam, a United States region in the Pacific Ocean. The different situation between Donald Trump and Barrack Obama create different conflict resolution between presidents. In early Donald Trump administration for one year, Donald Trump already got the similar amount of intermediate range missile and medium range missile. Donald trump also had to face one and biggest nuclear missile test in the history of DPRK.

Figure 3.1

DPRK Nuclear and Missile Test

North Korea's nuclear and missile tests

Since 1984, North Korea has carried out **more than 150** missile and nuclear tests. **Over half have been since 2011**, when Kim **Jong-Un** came into power.



Source: Aljazeera. *North Korea Nuclear and Missile Test(2017)*.Retrieved April 2018 from Aljazeera. <https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/interactive/2017/08/north-korea-explained-graphics-170810121538674.html>

By this intentional trial of the missile, these actions triggered the United States into on more step forward actions. And since the transition of Barack Obama makes a huge difference on United States policy by Donald Trump, the military capabilities became the one of the rational instrument as preparation of worst possibility. The lack of Donald Trump comprehension brought his administration into rational actor which used the military as a first option. The result was under Donald Trump administration now the United States is acting aggressively and more intense action which could be as a trigger of long terms and fatal conflict.