

# The National Security Policy Speaker Series

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### *“North Korea’s Nuclear Weapons Program and the Demise of the Agreed Framework”*

Former Secretary of Defense William Perry recounts that in 1994, “We were about to give the President a choice between a disastrous option—allowing North Korea to get a nuclear arsenal, which we might have to face someday—and an unpalatable option . . .” i.e. military action that, if it resulted in a second Korean War, might kill a million people. Instead of either option, the Clinton Administration chose to negotiate what became the Agreed Framework, which granted North Korea political and economic benefits in exchange for promises to mothball the Yongbyon plutonium production reactor and to abide by nonproliferation commitments. In 2002, the Agreed Framework collapsed, and four years later the DPRK conducted its first nuclear test. The talk will examine the causes of the failure of the 1994 agreement, and what options the United States and other participants faced in dealing with the crisis.

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**Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00AM-12:30PM**

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