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North Korea has extensive trading until recently, with South Korea. U since 2006 has been virtually nil e been running an estimated \$1.5 b trade accounts that it funds prima and foreign investment as well as Following the DPRK's second nucle in mid-2009 has been on negative larger question, however, is how three-fold transformation of the DPRK: a transformation in methods by which Communist regime maintains its support feed its own population. This report will be updated as con

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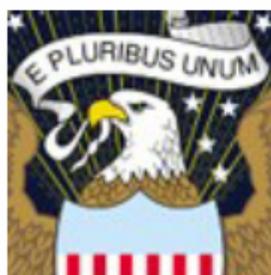
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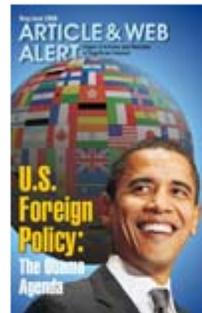
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U.S. PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION
Department of State Electronic
No. 1, January 2009.

We often read or hear about turmoil after elections around the world. A characteristic of democracy in the United States is the regularly recurring peaceful transition of power from one president to the next. America's next presidential election will take place after the first Monday in November.

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AA1 Goodheart, Adam; Lubow, Arthur. GRAND OPENING. *Smithsonian Magazine*, July 2006, pp. 40-55.

[Back to the Future: Full text available via ProQuest](#)
[Speaking of Art: Full text available via ProQuest](#)

The U.S. Patent Office Building in downtown Washington underwent a multi-million dollar renovation, and has been reopened as the Donor Center for American Art and Portraiture. In this two-article special issue celebrating its reopening, Adam Goodheart in *Back to the Future* traces the history of the Patent Office Building since its construction in 1836. Built as a symbol of American inventiveness, it has housed scale models of early inventions, been through wars, fires, inaugural balls, and political scandals; it was a hospital during the Civil War, became an office building at the turn of the century, and was nearly demolished before becoming home to the American Art Museum and the National Portrait Gallery in 1968. Renovation will be complete in late 2007, when a new glass canopy, designed by British architect Sir Norman Foster, is installed over the courtyard. In the companion article, *Speaking of Art*, Arthur Lubow describes new technology that protects art from sun damage. The renovation has created "the most beautifully-lit building in the city," according to one of the curators. The work of the conservators is visible through the glass walls of the new Lunder Conservation Center. Not only did the reconstruction restore the building to its original grandeur, but the new design caused the curators to rethink the ways art is displayed, breaking down the barriers between art and the public.

AA2 Larimer, Kevin TWO BOOKS ARE BETTER THAN ONE. *Poets & Writers*, July/August 2006, pp. 30-38.

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What if the hype surrounding your first published book is only hype and you're not whatever you'd like -- fear of the follow-up flop, second-time terror, or being immune to the special breed of worry that is conceived on the publi-

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FOCUS: U.S. Response to Earthquake in Pakistan

“Pakistan is a friend of the United States, and the people of the United States will help as best we can.”

President George W. Bush, October 9, 2005

A COMMITMENT TO A FRIEND

The United States continues to stand with Pakistan in its response to the October 8 South Asia Earthquake as a reflection of our values and our deep commitment to our friend and ally.

TOTAL U.S. PLEDGE: \$510 MILLION

- * \$300 million in humanitarian relief and reconstruction assistance
- * \$110 million in military support for relief operations
- * At least \$100 million anticipated from U.S. private contributions
- * This is in addition to a five-year, \$1.5 billion commitment for education, health, economic growth and government projects



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