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EDITOR'S NOTE

President Obama is having his hands full as he tries to earn his Nobel Peace Prize. The evidence showing North Korean involvement in the sinking of a South Korean naval vessel has raised tensions between North and South Korea. Efforts to pacify the Marja region in Afghanistan are not going as well as planned; and relations with Israel and Palestine have grown enormously complicated in the wake of Israel's assault on a Turkish vessel seeking to bring relief supplies to Gaza.

However, on the positive side, President Obama successfully gained agreements on international nuclear arms control, including a new START treaty with Russia. In addition, the U.N. Security Council voted to support new sanctions on Iran, including votes in favor from both Russia and China. Compared to prior deadlocks, these are major steps forward.

For details on all these events, and more, turn to the pages of this volume of FOREIGN POLICY BULLETIN, as we continue to bring you the latest pronouncements of U.S. foreign policy.

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