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The Sources of North Korean Conduct

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SYNOPSIS

In 1947 George F. Kennan published the famous “X” article in the journal *Foreign Affairs*, outlining his containment doctrine and his long-term prognosis for the Soviet Union. Professor Bruce Cumings will do the same for North Korea, and ask whether with its new nuclear capabilities, the North can also be contained over the long term.