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Trump tweets that he and Xi spoke about that agreed-to meeting and that Xi "appreciates that the U.S. is working to solve the problem diplomatically rather than going with the ominous alternative."

Trump in the past has threatened North Korea with "fire and fury like the world has never seen."

Trump also says China "continues to be helpful." He's repeatedly urged China to do more to pressure North Korea into abandoning its nuclear program.

Trump misspelled Xi's first name as "Xinping."

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