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Beijing would be embarrassed if President Clinton traveled to North Korea before Jiang was able to reciprocate Kim's visit because of China's traditional position as North Korea's closest supporter. Jiang would be likely to press Kim to resume the four-party talks, a forum that has allowed China to play a role on a par with the US in shaping the peninsula's future.