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President Donald Trump yells to reporters as he boards Air Force One for a trip to New York to discuss immigration policy, Wednesday, May 23, 2018, in Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

US, South Korea Work to Keep North Korea Summit on Track

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and South Korea are laboring to keep the highly anticipated U.S. summit with North Korea on track, even after President Donald Trump abruptly said “there’s a very substantial chance” it won’t happen as scheduled.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in reminded Trump Tuesday of the sky-high stakes, saying, “The fate and the future of the Korean Peninsula hinge” on the meeting.

The June 12 summit, planned for Singapore, offers a historic chance for peace on the peninsula — but also the risk of an epic diplomatic failure that would allow the

North to revive and advance its nuclear weapons program.

U.S. officials say preparations are still underway. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who is appearing Wednesday before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said, “We’re driving on.”

Trump’s newfound hesitation appeared to reflect recent setbacks in efforts to bring about reconciliation between the two Koreas, as well as concern whether the self-proclaimed deal-maker can deliver a nuclear accord with the North’s Kim Jong Un.

Foreign Media Prepare to Board Train for North Korea Nuke Site

WONSAN, North Korea (AP) — A group of foreign journalists pre-

pared to depart by train Wednesday to watch the dismantling of North Korea’s nuclear test site after eight reporters from South Korea received last-minute permission to join them.

The remote site deep in the mountains of the North’s sparsely populated northeast interior is expected to have a formal closing ceremony in the next day or two, depending on the weather. The closing was announced by North Korean leader Kim Jong Un ahead of his planned summit with President Donald Trump next month.

The train trip was expected to take 8-12 hours, followed by several hours on a bus and then an hour hike to the site itself.

North Korea had earlier refused to grant entry visas to the South Korean journalists after Pyongyang cut off high-level contact with Seoul to protest joint U.S.-South Korean military exercises. But North Korea accepted the list of the South Korean journalists to attend via a cross-border communication channel.

The journalists from the MBC television network and News1 wire service took a special government flight later Wednesday to go to the North’s northeastern coastal city of Wonsan. The other journalists from the United States, the

U.K, China and Russia arrived in Wonsan on Tuesday.

Trump Boosts Pressure on Justice Department in Russia Probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is increasing the pressure on the Justice Department, declining to say whether he has confidence in Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein after the White House negotiated rare

access to classified documents for Trump’s congressional allies.

Asked before a private meeting Tuesday with the president of South Korea if he has confidence in Rosenstein, who is overseeing the special counsel’s Russia investigation, he told reporters to move on to another question.

“Excuse me, I have the president of South Korea here,” Trump said. “He doesn’t want to hear these questions, if you don’t mind.”

The comments came just before White House

press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders announced that a meeting to allow House Republicans to review highly classified information on the Russia probe will happen Thursday.

Sanders said FBI Director Christopher Wray, National Intelligence Director Dan Coats and Justice Department official Edward O’Callaghan will meet with House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nunes and House Oversight and Government Reform Chairman Trey Gowdy.

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dren of William and the Duchess of Cambridge.

The 92-year-old queen and her 96-year-old husband, Prince Philip, Harry’s grandparents, looked on with pride, as did Markle’s mother, Doria Ragland, who has spent the last few days getting to know her daughter’s new family.

Two of Harry’s ex-girlfriends were at the chapel — Chelsy Davy and Cressida Bonas — as was Sarah Ferguson, the ex-wife of Harry’s uncle, Prince Andrew.

As they emerged from the chapel as a married couple, the two kissed — and the crowd roared. It just kept on cheering as Harry helped his wife fold her 5 meter (16½ foot) train into an Ascot Landau carriage for their procession through the streets of Windsor.

Police said more than 100,000 people lined the route. The open-topped carriage was pulled by four Windsor Grey horses and past crowds waving flags and holding cellphones aloft. The newlyweds smiled and waved, smiled at each other, waved and repeated the process for the 25-minute tour of Windsor.

It was the crowds in Windsor that seemed to best capture the joy of the moment. Many had camped or arrived at dawn on packed trains, vying for a good spot along the procession route. They cheered and screamed and sighed as the newlyweds passed by.

“I went to William and Kate’s wedding, but this is a completely different vibe,” said Arlene Prinsloo, who had flown from South Africa. “It’s much more relaxed, and I think that reflects

who Harry is.”

The queen hosted the first of two royal wedding receptions after the service and procession, an afternoon affair for 600 people where finger foods, wine and champagne were served. On Saturday night, a second, more lively and intimate reception for 200 people was being thrown by Charles.

The newlyweds emerged from Windsor Castle just after 7 p.m. to head for the evening event at Frogmore House, a royal country estate. This time, their wheels came courtesy of a classic Jaguar E-Type convertible instead of a horse-drawn carriage.

Markle traded her wedding dress for a white gown with a high neck and bare shoulders designed by Stella McCartney. Harry was in a tuxedo instead of his military uniform. Both wore big smiles as the groom opened the car door for his bride.

In another break with tradition, Markle was making a speech at the evening event, according to the palace.

The couple planned to spend the night at Windsor Castle and to return to their home in Kensington Palace in London on Sunday.

They are not immediately embarking on a honeymoon and have their first royal engagement as wife and husband scheduled at Buckingham Palace Tuesday.

A honeymoon is expected to happen soon, though. Harry is partial to traveling in Africa, so it’s possible their destination may be somewhere there. After only two dates in 2016, he and Markle went camping together in Botswana.

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