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WCBD (NBC) ANCHOR: Thanks for staying with us. The twenty-eighth annual New Year's Renaissance Weekend is being held in Charleston this week. Innovative leaders from across the world are in town for a series of lectures and different seminars. News 2 spoke with the Director of U.S. National Intelligence who says there are going to be a number of issues President-elect Barack Obama will have to face.

DNI McCONNELL: First and foremost will be the Middle East at large. He's made campaign promises with regard to Iraq, and he will work through that process. Afghanistan has not gone as well as we had hoped in the last year or so. So he's got to have to make some decisions about what he does about Afghanistan.

WCBD (NBC) ANCHOR: McConnell also says that the President-elect will deal with the possibility of nuclear weapons in North Korea as well as Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons.