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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 29, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT
FROM: JAMES E. CONNOR *jec*
SUBJECT: Recommended Telephone Call to
Dr. Walter Judd

The attached memorandum was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

"Tried to call on November 28 but no luck.
May on Air Force One."

This notation was read to Terry O'Donnell on Air Force One today and he will follow up on this matter.

cc: Dick Cheney

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH
DR. WALTER JUDD

Friday, November 28, 1975

From: Brent Scowcroft 

I. PURPOSE

Dr. Judd, long a leading spokesman for the interests of the Republic of China on Taiwan, has urgently requested either a meeting or a telephone conversation with you before your departure for Peking. Dr. Judd undoubtedly wishes to give you his views on the evolution of our China policy. He is likely to express concern that you do nothing in Peking which would compromise the position of the Republic of China.

The following talking points are designed to emphasize your view that the overall interests of the United States are served by our efforts to normalize relations with the PRC, but that this will be done with due regard for the interests and concerns of the people of Taiwan.

I believe you should emphasize to Dr. Judd that your discussion with him is a private one and not for public citation.

II. TALKING POINTS

1. I am sorry my schedule did not permit us to get together before my departure for Peking, but I am glad at least to have a chance to chat with you on the phone.
2. I appreciate your continuing concern with our country's China policy. Your long experience in China, as well as your years in the Congress, give you a unique background for judgments on our policy in this area, and I appreciate your guidance.

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3. I understand well and appreciate your deep concern for the welfare of the Republic of China on Taiwan. This is something that I share with you. It is my judgment that our effort to build a more normal relationship with the People's Republic of China holds extremely important strategic benefits for the United States, particularly with regard to the development of a more stable balance among the great powers. But I have no illusions about the intentions of the Chinese Communists, or that they will modify their objectives on the basis of unilateral concessions on our part.

My feeling is that while it is essential to our overall foreign policy that we persist in the improvement of relations with Peking, this must not be done in such a way that it compromises the security of the people on Taiwan. Let me assure you that on this trip I will be very mindful of the concerns of our old friends on Taiwan and do nothing to compromise their basic interests, or our ability to maintain an active relationship with the island. I do not believe the American people would accept normalization of relations with Peking if it was at the price of a sell-out of the interests of our friends on Taiwan.

4. I think I can also say with some confidence that you should not expect any major change in our relations with either Taipei or Peking as a result of this visit. The primary objective of my trip is to sustain the dialogue with the leaders of the People's Republic on international issues.

I say this to you in confidence; and, indeed, I know you will treat this conversation as the kind of private exchange of views that we have had so often in the past. As always, I value your private counsel.