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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5108

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E.O. 11652 : GDS
TAGS: SCUL, PFOR, TW, CH
SUBJECT: GRUC BICENTENNIAL STAMPS

REF: STATE 14583 (EXDIS)

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1, THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM YANG MING-SHIH (WARREN), THE RETIRED DIRECTOR OF THE PHILATELIC DEPARTMENT OF THE ROC POSTAL ADMINISTRATION WHO IS LAOS AUTHOR OF A WEEKLY STAMP COLLECTOR'S COLUMN IN THE CHINA NEWS. LETTER STATES THAT THE USG HAS GIVEN "MOST GOVERNMENTS" INFORMATION FOR ISSUING COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMPS TO MARK THE US BICENTENNIAL, BUT THE ROC POSTAL ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT YET RECEIVED SUCH DATA. MR. YANG SUGGESTS FURTHERMORE THAT THE ROC HAS FAILED TO RECEIVE THE PROPER INFORMATION BECAUSE IT IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION.

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2, BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL EXDIS. THE EMBASSY IS NOT AWARE OF THE PRECISE NATURE OF BICENTENNIAL MATERIAL TO WHICH MR. YANG REFERS; HOWEVER, THE SUPPLYING OF THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION WOULD NOT APPEAR TO BE PROSCRIBED UNDER THE GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED IN REFTEL FOR GROC PARTICIPATION IN BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES. WE RECOMMEND THE DEPARTMENT CONTACT THE US POSTAL SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR TRANSMITTAL OF WHATEVER INFORMATION MAY BE AVAILABLE. PLEASE ADVISE THE

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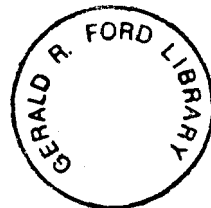
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EMBASSY ON WHATEVER ACTION IS TAKEN SO THAT WE CAN REPLY TO MR. YANG.

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6738

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TAGS UTRA MASS TW US
SUBJECT: GAO REQUEST FOR ENHANCE PLUS/F 5-E CO-PRODUCTION FILES
REF: 4 FAM 934.2

1. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE (GAO) IS CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROGRAM IN THE FAR EAST (CODE 46336). A TWO-MAN TEAM IS VISITING TAIWAN THROUGH AUGUST 29 TO REVIEW THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROGRAM HERE WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE CURRENT PROGRAM, THE MERITS OF EMPHASIZING COMMERCIAL RATHER THAN FMS TRANSACTIONS, AND POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS IN FMS.

2. THE TEAM HAS ASKED TO REVIEW MISSION FILES ON THE F-5E CO-PRODUCTION PROJECT IN ORDER TO FOLLOW THIS MAJOR PROGRAM IN DETAIL FROM BEGINNING TO THE CURRENT DATE, AS DEPARTMENT

IS AWARE, F-5E CO-PRODUCTION PROJECT IS PART OF ENHANCE PLUS PACKAGE AND EMBASSY HOLDS EXTENSIVE TOP SECRET MATERIALS ON THE NEGOTIATIONS AS WELL AS A LARGE AMOUNT OF EXDIS TRAFFIC FROM 1973 THROUGH 1975.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: ALTHOUGH THE EMBASSY SEES NO PROBLEM IF IT ALLOWS GAO ACCESS TO NON-SENSITIVE MATERIAL, MUCH OF THE BASIC DOCUMENTATION IS SENSITIVE TS OR EXDIS AND TEAM WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY RECOGNIZE INADEQUACY OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH 4 FAM 934.2 (IN EMBASSY VIEW AT LEAST SUBSECTIONS A

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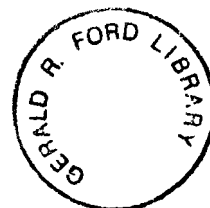
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TAGS CVIS, SCUL PFOR TW CH US
SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ROC VOLLEYBALL TEAM

REF A. TAIPEI 4876 B. STATE 176655 C. STATE 171835
D. TAIPEI 4490

1. VOLLEYBALL TEAM WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF REFTELS HAS
REVISED ITS ITINERARY AS FOLLOWS:

AUGUST 25 DEPART TAIPEI
AUGUST 25 ARRIVE LOS ANGELES
AUGUST 28 ARRIVE CHICAGO
AUGUST 30 ARRIVE NEW YORK
SEPTEMBER 4 ARRIVE WASHINGTON DC
SEPTEMBER 5 ARRIVE MIAMI
SEPTEMBER 7 ARRIVE LOS VEGAS
SEPTEMBER 9 ARRIVE SAN FRANCISCO
SEPTEMBER 14 ARRIVE HONOLULU
SEPTEMBER 17 DEPART HONOLULU

2. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE TEAM HAS REVISED ITS
ITINERARY AT MOFA'S REQUEST FOLLOWING EMBASSY'S DEMARCHE
(REF A), WE WOULD LIKE TO ISSUE VISAS EXPEDITIOUSLY
DESPITE THE SHORT LEAD. THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU HAVE
OBJECTIONS, WE PLAN TO ISSUE VISAS ON THE AFTERNOON
OF AUGUST 25. UNGER



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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7260

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FD 11652 GDS
TAGS PFOR PINR TW CH
SUBJECT: OCTOBER 4 CONVERSATION WITH THE PRIME MINISTER

REF TAIPEI 6519

1. AFTER I INFORMED THE PREMIER ABOUT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THE PRC, HE REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES WHICH THE COMMUNIST REGIME IS EXPERIENCING ON THE MAINLAND AND MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY THE CHEKIANG SITUATION AND THE CELEBRATION OF THE OCTOBER 1 ANNIVERSARY. IN THE LATTER CONNECTION HE NOTED THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 26 YEARS THERE WERE NO JOINT EDITORIALS (SIC) HAVING IN MIND THESE EVIDENCES OF INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES AND TENSIONS THE PREMIER HOPED THAT THE SECRETARY'S VISIT WOULD NOT GIVE THE COMMUNIST CHINESE A BOOST OR ANY UNQUE ENCOURAGEMENT.

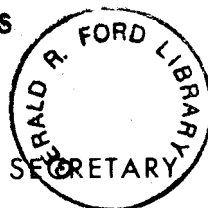
2. I SAID THAT WE HAVE ALSO HAD SOME REPORTS ABOUT CONTENDING FACTIONS IN THE PRC; HOWEVER, AS REGARDS THE SECRETARY'S AND LATER THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE PRC, WE CONTINUED TO FEEL THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN THE COMMUNICATIONS WHICH WE HAVE ESTABLISHED WITH THE PRC AND THAT THE VISITS SHOULD BE SEEN IN THAT LIGHT.

3. IN THE DISCUSSION WHICH FOLLOWED THE PREMIER MENTIONED HIS FEELING THAT THE PRC LEADERS HAVE BEEN EMPHASIZING TO THE US CONGRESSIONAL VISITORS THE MILITARY THREAT WHICH THE SOVIET UNION POSES TO THE PRC, PRESUMABLY IN AN EFFORT TO ENLIST US

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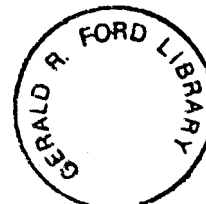
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SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT. I ACKNOWLEDGED THAT BUT POINTED OUT THE PRC IS ALSO EMPHASIZING TO EUROPEAN LEADERS AND OTHERS, INCLUDING AMERICANS, THE THREAT THE SOVIET UNION POSES IN EUROPE. I SOLICITED THE PREMIER'S VIEWS ON THE INTERNAL STRUGGLE IN THE PRC TO WHICH HE REFERRED AND HIS COMMENTS ADDED NOTHING NEW TO THE SITUATION AS WE UNDERSTAND IT. HE MADE THE POINT THAT THE "CHIANG CHING-WANG HUNG-WEN FACCTION" IN THE PAST AND TODAY LACKS ANY SUPPORT FROM THE PLA, PRESUMABLY TO INDICATE THAT IN ANY STRUGGLE WITH THE "TENG HSIAO-PING FACTION" WHICH MIGHT FOLLOW AFTER THE DEATH OF CHOU EN-LAI THEIR CHANCES WERE NOT VERY GOOD.

4. CCK ALSO COMMENTED THAT IT APPEARED THERE HAD BEEN NO CONCRETE RESULTS FROM THE NEW YORK CONVERSATIONS OF JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA AND PRC FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA. I SAID OUR INFORMATION TENDED TO CONFIRM THAT BUT WE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THE TALKS WERE EXPECTED TO BE RESUMED AND THAT THERE HAD NOT BEEN ANY FINAL BREAKDOWN.

5. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PASS PEKING AND HONG KONG.
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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, TW, US
SUBJECT: DECISIONS REGARDING SUPPLY OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT
TO TAIWAN.

REF: A. STATE 290531; B. STATE 288220

1. CH/MAAG INFORMED GENERAL LAI MING-TANG, CGS, USG PLANS FOR APPROVING TRANSFER EQUIPMENT AS LISTED REF. A.
2. APPROVAL FOUR ADDITIONAL S2E AIRCRAFT AND TWO MINESWEEPERS EXCESS TO USN REQUIREMENTS MUCH APPRECIATED, AIM-9J MISSILE CONVERSION KITS ALSO HELPFUL.
3. ROC DOES NOT REPEAT NOT REQUIRE THREE T-28C AIRCRAFT. ROCAF POSSESS T-28 A&D MODELS WHICH HAVE DIFFERENT ENGINE CONFIGURATION. FURTHERMORE, T-28'S BECOMING UNSUPPORTABLE AND ROCAF FUTURE PILOT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS KEYED TO T-CH-1 ROC BUILT TRAINER. ROCAF ANXIOUSLY AWAITING USG APPROVAL FOR ROC PURCHASE 43 LYCOMING T53-701A TURBO PROP ENGINES TO POWER T-CH-1 AIRCRAFT NOW IN FABRICATION.
4. GENERAL LAI AGREED WHOLEHEARTEDLY TO NO PUBLICITY ON THESE DEFENSE ACQUISITIONS AND STATED IT WAS GROC POLICY NOT TO PUBLICIZE ANY WEAPONS ACQUISITION.
5. GENERAL LAI ASKED ABOUT STATUS OF MAJOR PROJECTS AWAITING USG APPROVAL, PRIMARY CONCERN AT MOMENT IS USG

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APPROVAL OF IMPROVED HAWK BATTALION FOR SOUTHERN TAIWAN. CLOSE-
OUT OF FY 76 US ARMY PROCUREMENT OF IMPROVED HAWK FOR US
ARMY AND OTHER NATIONS IS 31 DECEMBER. ROC PARTICIPATION
WOULD SAVE BETWEEN TEN AND TWENTY-FIVE MILLION. APPRECIATE
ACTION UNDERWAY TO GET USG APPROVAL.
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3. THE PREMIER SAID THAT THE GROC WAS CONDUCTING NUCLEAR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES "BECAUSE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY REQUIRED IT"; WHEN THE LATE PRESIDENT CHIANG HAD SEEN THE CHING HUA REACTOR, HE HAD JUDGED IT TO BE "TOO SMALL" AND HAD THEREFORE ORDERED THE PROCUREMENT OF ANOTHER REACTOR FROM CANADA -- "WITH THE SAME PEACEFUL PURPOSE". "WE DO NOT DENY THAT WE HAVE MADE SOME PROGRESS IN NUCLEAR RESEARCH," CONTINUED THE PREMIER, "BUT THIS PROGRESS IS NOT TOWARD WEAPONS; IT'S TOWARD PEACE." THE PREMIER ADMITTED THAT "REPROCESSING IS NOW A PROBLEM" BUT TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDING GROC HAD STOPPED RESEARCH INQUIRIES RELATING TO A REPROCESSING FACILITY. (WHEN INTERPRETER USED THE TERM "LABORATORY" IN TRANSLATING PREMIER'S REFERENCE TO A REPROCESSING FACILITY, FORMIN SHEN INTERRUPTED TO CORRECT HIM AND TO EXPLAIN DISTINCTION BETWEEN LABORATORY-TYPE FACILITY AND PILOT REPROCESSING PLANT. SHEN ASSERTED GROC HAD NO INTENTION TO DEVELOP "LARGE-SCALE" REPROCESSING CAPABILITY AND WAS NOT IN PROCESS OF "ACQUIRING ANYTHING TO PRODUCE A LARGE QUANTITY OF WEAPONS-GRADE MATERIAL". A LABORATORY FACILITY, SAID SHEN, COULD NOT PRODUCE QUANTITIES SUFFICIENT TO MAKE A WEAPON.)

4. FOLLOWING UP ON SHEN'S REMARKS REGARDING THE REPROCESSING LABORATORY, THE PREMIER STATED THAT COMPONENTS FOR THE SMALL LABORATORY HAD BEEN OBTAINED FROM THE U.S., JAPAN AND EUROPE. HE HAD PERSONALLY INQUIRED ABOUT EQUIPMENT BOUGHT FROM EUROPE AND HAD FOUND IT "NOT SIGNIFICANT". SOME STANDARD PIPE AND GLASS HAD BEEN PURCHASED "BUT NOTHING LARGE-SCALE". "WE HAVE CHECKED INTO THE AVAILABILITY FROM EUROPE, BUT WE HAVE NOT BOUGHT ANY LARGE-SCALE EQUIPMENT", THE PREMIER DECLARED. NOTING THAT "U.S. EXPERTS HAVE VISITED OUR (REPROCESSING) FACILITIES", THE PREMIER SAID THAT "WE HAVE FOR THE TIME BEING DECIDED NOT TO EXPAND THEM AND THEREFORE WE COULD NOT PRODUCE ENOUGH MATERIAL FOR WEAPONS". (NOTE: THE FOREGOING COMMENTS OBVIOUSLY OBSCURE THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE REPROCESSING LABORATORY AND A PILOT REPROCESSING PLANT. WE ARE UNCERTAIN WHETHER THIS STEMS FROM A POOR UNDERSTANDING OR A DESIRE TO OBFUSCATE.)

5. THE PREMIER THEN CITED TWO POLITICAL REASONS IMPELLING THE ROC TO REFRAIN FROM THE PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. FIRSTLY, SUCH WEAPONS COULD NOT BE USED AGAINST CHINESE PEOPLE,

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AND SECONDLY, HE UNDERSTOOD THE USG'S STRONG OPPOSITION TO PROLIFERATION. THE ROC WANTED GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, AND THE GROC WILL ALWAYS KEEP ITS PROMISES TO THE USG. HE SAID HE HAD ALREADY INFORMED THE LEGISLATIVE YUAN THAT HE WILL AGAIN STATE PUBLICLY WHEN HE APPEARS BEFORE THAT BODY ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, THAT HIS GOVERNMENT "WILL NEVER MANUFACTURE NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO KILL ITS OWN PEOPLE". THE PREMIER THEN RECALLED THAT HE HAD ASSURED ME (A REFERENCE TO MAY 27 CONVERSATION) THAT "ROC WILL NEVER MANUFACTURE NUCLEAR WEAPONS" AND THAT HE CONSIDERED THIS ASSURANCE AS "A BINDING COMMITMENT TO AN ALLY".

6. THE PREMIER ALSO SAID THAT AT A RECENT "MILITARY CONFERENCE" HE HAD USED THE OLD CHINESE DICTUM "DO TODAY, REGRET TOMORROW; NOT DO TODAY, REGRET TOMORROW" TO POINT UP HIS DIFFERING ATTITUDE TOWARD THE NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, ON THE ONE HAND, AND THE 10 MAJOR PROJECTS, ON THE OTHER HAND. "TO MANUFACTURE NUCLEAR WEAPONS WOULD BE LIKE DROPPING A ROCK ON ONE'S OWN FEET," HE HAD TOLD HIS MILITARY LEADERS.

7. YESTERDAY, CONTINUED THE PREMIER, HE HAD MET WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COUNCIL (AEC) CHIEN TZU-LIANG; VICTOR CHENG, SECY-GEN OF THE AEC; AND LT. GENERAL T'ANG CHUN-PO, DIRECTOR OF CHUNG SHAN INSTITUTE (CIST), TO "EXPLAIN TO THEM HIS (THE PREMIER'S) POSITION" AND THEY HAD ASSURED HIM THAT "IT WAS NEVER IN THEIR THOUGHTS TO MAKE NUCLEAR WEAPONS; THAT THEIR PURPOSE WAS PEACEFUL RESEARCH".



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8. IN VIEW OF USG SENSITIVITIES AND IN ORDER TO CLEAR UP ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS, SAID THE PREMIER, HE WAS SUGGESTING THAT, WITH USG CONCURRENCE, THE ROC ACCEPT U.S. GOVERNMENT EXPERTS AS RESIDENT, LONG-TERM ADVISORS TO THE CHUNG SHAN INSTITUTE (CIST), INER, AND THE AEC. ALL EXPENSES RELATED TO THESE EXPERTS WOULD BE PAID BY THE GROG. THEY COULD ACT AS INSPECTORS. THE ROC WOULD ACCEPT ONE, OR TWO, OR THREE.

9. AT THIS POINT OF THE CONVERSATION THE PREMIER STATED THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM HONG KONG WHICH "EXPLAINS WHY RUMORS WERE CIRCULATING". HE HANDED ME A DOCUMENT CONSISTING OF SEVERAL PAGES HANDWRITTEN IN CHINESE. THE PREMIER SAID THAT THIS DOCUMENT PROVIDED "DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE BACKGROUND OF THE RUMORS". HE SAID THE INFORMATION "INVOLVES SEVERAL U.S. CONGRESSMEN WHOSE INTENTIONS WERE GOOD, BUT" HE THOUGHT WE "WOULD FIND IT AN INTERESTING DOCUMENT".

10. PREMIER THEN SAID HE WANTED TO RESTATE HIS "BASIC POLICY THAT ROC WOULD NEVER MANUFACTURE NUCLEAR WEAPONS -- AND IT HAS NEVER BROKEN A PROMISE". HE "WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM ROC'S BASIC POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE NUCLEAR ISSUE -- ALTHOUGH FORMIN SHEN HAD ALREADY DONE SO".

11. I HEARD OUT THE FOREGOING PRESENTATION WITHOUT INTERRUPTING THE PREMIER. I TOLD HIM I WOULD REPORT HIS REMARKS FULLY AND CAREFULLY TO WASHINGTON, INCLUDING HIS PROPOSAL FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF U.S. EXPERTS IN GROG NUCLEAR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES -- A PROPOSAL I FOUND INTERESTING AND WORTH CONSIDERATION.

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Y ALSO THANKED HIM FOR PASSING TO US THE INFORMATION HE HAD RECEIVED FROM HONG KONG AND SAID WE WOULD TRANSLATE IT AND FORWARD IT TO WASHINGTON.

12. I THEN REFERRED TO MY EARLIER DISCUSSION WITH FORMIN SHEN, AND REVIEWED IN DETAIL FOR THE PREMIER THE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN PARA 4 OF DEPTTEL 219733, EXPLAINING THAT GIVEN THE COMPLEXITIES OF NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES I FELT IT IMPORTANT TO COVER THE GROUND VERY CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE MIS-UNDERSTANDING. DURING COURSE OF MY PRESENTATION, I LAID HEAVY EMPHASIS ON OUR CONCERN OVER THE SPREAD OF NATIONAL REPROCESSING FACILITIES, MENTIONING PREVIOUS OCCASIONS ON WHICH SUBJECT WAS RAISED WITH GROC AS WELL AS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES SUCH AS PAKISTAN AND SOUTH KOREA. I SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO MY MOST RECENT REVIEW WITH SHEN OF THE REPRESENTATIONS WE MADE IN 1973 AND THE ASSURANCES WE HAD RECEIVED FROM SHEN AT THAT TIME WITH RESPECT TO ROC EFFORTS TO OBTAIN A REPROCESSING FACILITY. IN ORDER TO UNDERLINE THE STRENGTH OF CONGRESSIONAL FEELING ON NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION, I ALSO INFORMED PREMIER THAT I HAD JUST LEARNED FROM WASHINGTON THAT SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MAY BE HOLDING HEARINGS NEXT WEEK CENTERED ON RECENT PRESS REPORTS OF ROC ACTIVITIES IN NUCLEAR FIELD. I CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT I COULD NOT OVEREMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE USG PLACES ON THIS ISSUE, AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE GROC WILL RE-AFFIRM THE ASSURANCES WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED.

13. BY WAY OF RESPONSE TO MY PRESENTATION, THE PREMIER SAID "TWO STEPS HAD BEEN TAKEN" IN ORDER TO CLARIFY MISUNDERSTANDING: (1) "ALL REPROCESSING RESEARCH, PEACEFUL OR OTHERWISE, WILL BE TERMINATED" AND (2) MINISTER SHEN WILL PREPARE A WRITTEN MEMORANDUM SETTING FORTH GROC COMMITMENT NOT TO MANUFACTURE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. I ASKED IF FIRST STEP REFERRED TO PILOT REPROCESSING PLANT, POINTING OUT THAT THERE WERE ESSENTIALLY TWO LEVELS OF REPROCESSING WHICH WERE BEING TALKED ABOUT: (A) THE LABORATORY LEVEL FOR WHICH USG NOW HAS UNDER CONSIDERATION GROC REQUEST FOR PUTTING INTO OPERATION, AND (B) A PILOT REPROCESSING PLANT, I.E., AN "INDUSTRIAL" SCALE OPERATION, THE TYPE OF PROJECT ABOUT WHICH WE HAD MADE REPRESENTATIONS IN 1973. I TOLD PREMIER THAT IT WAS THIS LATTER TYPE OF PROJECT WHICH WAS IN QUESTION WITH REGARD TO OUR INFORMATION ABOUT CURRENT INQUIRIES INER WAS MAKING IN EUROPE.

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THIS, I ADDED, WAS OUR SPECIAL CONCERN AT THE MOMENT. THE PREMIER REPLIED THAT "THE USG WAS ALREADY AWARE OF INERIS LABORATORY REPROCESSING PROJECT, BUT IF THE USG CONSIDERED IT DANGEROUS, IT WOULD BE TERMINATED; ALL OPERATIONS ARE KNOWN TO THE USG." I AGAIN ASKED THE PREMIER IF HIS REMARKS INCLUDED A PILOT REPROCESSING FACILITY. HE REPLIED THAT "GROC WOULD NOT PROCEED". I THEN REITERATED THAT USG WOULD BE OPPOSED TO ANY LEVEL OF REPROCESSING NOT PLACED UNDER SAFEGUARDS, BUT THAT WITH RESPECT TO A PILOT REPROCESSING PLANT USG WOULD BE OPPOSED WHETHER OR NOT SAFEGUARDS WERE APPLIED. I THEN AGAIN REFERRED TO THE INFORMATION WE HAD RECEIVED FROM EUROPEAN SOURCES AND ASKED THE PREMIER IF ROC HAD INTENTION OF MAKING FURTHER SUCH INQUIRIES (AS THOSE REPORTED). PREMIER RESPONDED "NO, NO." I SAID I WOULD SO REPORT TO WASHINGTON.



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14. THE PREMIER FOLLOWED UP THIS EXCHANGE WITH COMMENT THAT "THEY HAD MADE INQUIRIES FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES, BUT WILL DISCONTINUE THEM SINCE USG HELD THE VIEW THAT IT WAS DANGEROUS". I SAID I WOULD SO REPORT.

15. THE PREMIER REPEATED HIS PROPOSAL FOR ASSIGNING USG EXPERTS TO OVERSEE GROEC NUCLEAR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES, SAYING THAT "THEY COULD STAY ON A PERMANENT BASIS, COULD INSPECT AND WORK TOGETHER WITH GROEC PEOPLE". I SAID THAT HIS PROPOSAL APPEARED TO BE A CONSTRUCTIVE ONE AND ASSURED THE PREMIER THAT I WOULD CONVEY IT TO THE DEPARTMENT. I ASKED THE PREMIER IF IT WOULD BE CORRECT TO ASSUME THAT, IF SUCH PERSONNEL WERE ASSIGNED, THEY WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO ALL GROEC NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES. HE REPLIED "YES" AND MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY ACTIVITIES AT CHUNG HUA, CHUNG SHAN (NOTE: WHICH WOULD INCLUDE BUT NOT BE CONFINED TO INER) AND THE AEC. CONVERSATION ENDED WITH PREMIER ASSURING ME THAT WE WOULD BE RECEIVING MEMORANDUM FROM FORMIN SHEN IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

15. COMMENT: THE FOREGOING IS PRETTY MUCH A VERBATIM RENDITION OF THE CONVERSATION AND IS BEING SO TRANSMITTED NOT ONLY IN THE INTERESTS OF ACCURACY, BUT ALSO IN AN EFFORT TO GIVE THE DEPARTMENT, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, - "FEEL" FOR THE PREMIER'S MANNER OF HANDLING THIS VERY STICKY ISSUE. I COULD NOT ESCAPE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE PREMIER HAD HOPED TO BE ABLE TO OBFUSCATE OR SKIRT THE PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF OUR CURRENT CONCERN, NAMELY, GROC INTEREST IN ACQUIRING A PILOT REPROCESSING FACILITY. FOR THIS REASON, I FELT IT NECESSARY TO SUBJECT HIM

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TO A FULL REVIEW OF THE GROUND I HAD COVERED A WEEK EARLIER WITH FORMIN SHEN AND ABOUT WHICH HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN FULLY INFORMED. ULTIMATELY, I BELIEVE I RECEIVED THE SPECIFIC ASSURANCE I WAS SEEKING. IN ANY EVENT, NO DOUBT CAN NOW REMAIN THAT THE PREMIER IS FULLY AND CLEARLY INFORMED OF OUR CONCERN AND WHAT WE EXPECT IN THE WAY OF REMEDIAL ACTION FROM HIS GOVERNMENT. THERE CAN ALSO BE NO DOUBT THAT HE IS FULLY AWARE OF THE POSSIBLE DRASTIC CONSEQUENCES IN STORE SHOULD THE GROG PERSIST IN ITS COVERT EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A PILOT PLANT REPROCESSING CAPABILITY.

17. WE SHALL BE COMMENTING SEPARATELY ON OTHER ASPECTS OF THIS MATTER, INCLUDING THE PREMIER'S PROPOSAL FOR STATIONING UG EXPERTS HERE TO PARTICIPATE IN NUCLEAR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES.

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