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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR TEAM VISIT: INITIAL CALLS: DISCUSSIONS  
WITH CIST DIRECTOR TANG

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1. DURING FIRST DAYS OF ITS VISIT, U.S. TECHNICAL NUCLEAR TEAM PAID CALLS ON MOFA VICE MINISTER CH' IEN, CAEC SEC GEN CHENG, INER DIRECTOR CHIEN, TAIPOWER PRESIDENT CHU AND, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR, ON CIST DIRECTOR TANG. RELYING UPON TALKING POINTS PREPARED IN WASHINGTON, TEAM USED THESE MEETINGS TO REITERATE U.S. COMMITMENT TO NON-PROLIFERATION, REVIEW THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION ACT; STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROC'S SCRUPULOUSLY ADHERING TO ITS AGREEMENTS IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD, AND TO DESCRIBE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR NUCLEAR EXPORTS TO THE ROC WHICH WOULD UNDER SECTION 307 OF THE NNSA FLOW FROM A VIOLATION OF THOSE AGREEMENTS. PREDICTABLY, THE ROC SIDE TOOK NOTE OF TEAM'S PRESENTATION AND EXPRESSED ROC'S INTENTION TO ABIDE BY ITS AGREEMENTS AND SUPPORT U.S. NON-PROLIFERATION POLICIES. IN LUNCHEON DISCUSSION WITH VICE-MINISTER CHIEN, SEC GEN CHENG AND DIRECTOR CHIEN, AMBASSADOR ALSO REFERRED TO HIS DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT CHIANG (REFTEL) AND READ

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PERTINENT PORTIONS FROM HIS NOTES ON MEETING.

2. IN DISCUSSION WITH VICE-MINISTER CHIEN, HE REFERRED AGAIN TO PRESIDENT CHIANG'S OFFER TO ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT OF U.S. SCIENTISTS INTO ITS NUCLEAR RESEARCH FACILITIES AT U.S. EXPENSE. THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THIS REPEATED REQUEST AND ASKED THE TEAM TO ASSURE THAT THIS OFFER WAS CON-

U.S. SCIENTISTS INTO ITS NUCLEAR RESEARCH FACILITIES AT ROC EXPENSE. THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THIS REPEATED REQUEST AND ASKED THE TEAM TO ASSURE THAT THIS OFFER WAS CONSIDERED BY WASHINGTON AND SOME RESPONSE PREPARED. IN MEETING WITH SEC GEN CHENG. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IN THE FUTURE, I

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3. CALL ON CIST DIRECTOR TANG: WHEN CIST DIRECTOR TANG AT FIRST DECLINED TO RECEIVE TEAM, AMBASSADOR RAISED MATTER WITH MOFA VICE-MINISTER CHIEN AND OFFERED TO ACCOMPANY TEAM TO CIST IF THAT WOULD HELP IN SECURING APPOINTMENT WITH TANG. TANG THEN CONSENTED AND HAD HIS DEPUTY, ADMIRAL HSIA, AND OTHER SENIOR STAFF ASSEMBLED WHEN AMBASSADOR AND TEAM ARRIVED WEDNESDAY MORNING.

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4. AMBASSADOR BEGAN BY DESCRIBING IMPORTANCE OF NNPA AND PRESENTING GEN TANG WITH A COPY OF ACT. HE THEN DREW TANG'S ATTENTION TO SECTION 307, SPECIFICALLY THOSE PROVISIONS STATING THAT A VIOLATION OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS OR OF AN AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION WOULD REQUIRE THE U.S. TO TERMINATE NUCLEAR EXPORTS TO THE ROC. AMBASSADOR STATED THAT THE USC CONSIDERED THAT, WITH RESPECT TO THE ROC, THIS PROVISION OF SECTION 307 ENCOMPASSED

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NOTING THE DRASTIC CONSEQUENCES THAT A TERMINATION OF U.S. EXPORTS WOULD HAVE FOR THE ROC'S ECONOMY, THE AMBASSADOR STATED THAT HE HAD RAISED THESE POINTS WITH GENERAL TANG  
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BECAUSE TANG WAS THE SENIOR OFFICIAL IN THE ROC RESPONSIBLE FOR MILITARY R&D WORK. AS SUCH, AMBASSADOR SAID ACT IN EFFECT PLACED HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY UPON GENERAL TANG TO ENSURE THAT MILITARY R&D WORK DID NOT VIOLATE RELEVANT NUCLEAR AGREEMENTS, THUS FORCING A TERMINATION OF U.S. EXPORTS.

5. AMBASSADOR REFERRED TO HIS JULY 18 CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT CHIANG AND, READING FROM HIS NOTES, REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT HAD REASSURED HIM THEN THAT ROC WAS NOT AND WOULD NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN ANY MILITARY RESEARCH IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD. AMBASSADOR HAD TOLD PRESIDENT THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT TEAM BE ABLE TO REPORT BACK TO WASHINGTON THAT IT HAD ASSURED ITSELF THAT NO ACTIONS CONTRARY TO OUR AGREEMENTS WERE OCCURRING. AMBASSADOR TOLD TANG THAT PRESIDENT HAD ASSURED HIM TEAM WOULD HAVE UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO ALL FACILITIES RELATED TO NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES.

6. AMBASSADOR WENT ON TO STATE FRANKLY THAT THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CIST AND INER HAD GIVEN RISE TO HIS



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U.S. TEAM COMPLETE ACCESS TO ANY CIST FACILITY THEY WISHED TO VISIT. SUBSEQUENTLY TEAM WAS GIVEN ACCESS TO ALL FACILITIES REQUESTED INCLUDING (DETAILS WILL BE INCLUDED IN TEAM'S FINDINGS.)

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8. AMBASSADOR THEN ASKED HELFRICH TO DESCRIBE FACILITIES TEAM WISHED TO VISIT AND HELFRICH MENTIONED INTER ALIA CIST. HELFRICH FOLLOWED BY ASKING FOR A DESCRIPTION OF PURPOSES OF CIST. A CIST STAFF MEMBER THEN DESCRIBED VARIOUS MILITARY APPLICATIONS OF INTEREST TO CIST, WITHOUT MENTIONING

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9. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING, AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE HAD SPOKEN WITH GREAT FRANKNESS BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ISSUE. HE HOPED TANG UNDERSTOOD THAT HE HAD SPOKEN AS A FRIEND OF THE ROC WHO DESIRED TO ENSURE THAT OUR FRUITFUL COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY WOULD CONTINUE, RECOGNIZING THE CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE OF NUCLEAR POWER TO TAIWAN'S PROSPERITY AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING.

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