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SUBJECT : GROC REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF POINT
CONTAINED IN U.S. NUCLEAR DEMARCHE

REFS: (A) STATE 225046 (NODIS), (B) TAIPEI 06065 (NODIS)

1. FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CHIANG REPORTED IN REF B, VICE FOREIGN MINISTER CHIEN CALLED THE AMBASSADOR TO ASK FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE LAST PHRASE CONTAINED IN THE REF A PARA 4 FIRST TALKING POINT, 8TH SUB-PARA, TO WIT: "AT CIST OR AT ANY OTHER FACILITY IN THE ROC OR ABROAD." HIS INTEREST CENTERED ON THE REFERENCE TO "ABROAD."

2. WE OF COURSE UNDERSTAND THE INTENT OF THE STATEMENT, BUT BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO RESPOND WITH ANY SPECIFICITY TO CHIEN'S QUESTION. RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAT WE TELL HIM THE INTENT OF THE PHRASE WAS SIMPLY TO BE AS COMPREHENSIVE OR ALL-ENCOMPASSING AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY AMBIGUITY ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE ASSURANCES THE USG SEEKS REGARDING THE PROSCRIBED ACTIVITIES. WOULD WELCOME DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE ON THIS POINT. UNGER

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