December 3

1. Department requests action posts to approach host governments at appropriate high-level as set forth below:

A. For Taipei:

{1} To follow-up conversation of US/AEC officials in Washington December 8 with Secretary-General Cheng Chen-hua of ROC/AEC, US wishes to make formal representations to ROC concerning serious problems involved in ROC acquisition of nuclear fuel reprocessing plant.

{2} Article III(e) of the Non-PROLIFERATION TREATY (NPT) clearly prohibits the export of a reprocessing plant to a non-nuclear-weapon state unless it will be subject to appropriate IAEA safeguards. Informal consensus to the same effect has been reached by representatives of IAEA Member countries exporting nuclear materials and equipment but which are not yet parties to the NPT. It is clear to the USG that export of major components for an unsafeguarded reprocessing plant would evade the intent of this provision and we are so