Memorandum

TO: EA - Mr. Armstrong

FROM: EA/ROC - Burton Levin

SUBJECT: PRCLO Comment on Taiwan Nuclear Development

Dennis Argall, Australian Embassy Political Counselor, informed me that the other day he had expressed to Han Hsu of PRCLO the opinion that the US was intent on keeping Taiwan from acquiring a nuclear weapons capability and had acted vigorously and effectively toward that end in recent weeks. Han voiced disagreement, accused the US of assisting Taiwan's nuclear weapons program and said that the PRC would hold the US responsible in the event Taiwan acquired nuclear weapons.

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