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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR REPRESENTATION TO THE ROC

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1. WILL BE SEEKING APPOINTMENT TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS

REFTEL AT PREMIER'S EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

2. INSTRUCTIONS APPEAR CLEAR AND COMPLETE BUT WOULD APPRECIATE

RESPONSE TO SEVERAL QUESTIONS IF AT ALL POSSIBLE PRIOR TO NOON

TAIPEI TIME MONDAY, MARCH 28. FIRST, HOW SHOULD I RESPOND IF QUERIED

ABOUT DURATION (ASSUMING FULL ROC COOPERATION) OF CONTINUAL

US COOPERATION ON PEACEFUL NUCLEAR ENERGY MATTERS INCLUDING, FOR

EXAMPLE, PROVISION OF NUCLEAR FUEL FOR POWER PLANTS, HAVING IN

MIND US INTENTIONS AS SET FORTH IN SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE? IN OTHER

WORDS, WOULD OUR COOPERATION CONTINUE FOLLOWING A BREAK IN DIPLO-

MATIC RELATIONS? I DO NOT EXPECT TO BE QUERIED IN ANY SUCH

DIRECT FASHION BUT WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE TO ENABLE ME TO

DEAL WITH QUESTION HOWEVER POSEd. THIS IS A MATTER OBVIOUSLY

OF VITAL CONCERN TO THIS COUNTRY.

3. REGARDING TALKING POINTS 5 AND 6, PARA 4, REFTEL, WHAT

SHOULD I REPLY IF PREMIER ASKS ME TO FURTHER IDENTIFY THESE

"SERIOUS PROBLEMS" AND THE "AVAILABLE EVIDENCE"? I BELIEVE

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IT IMPORTANT, IF QUERIED, TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND WITH SOME

SPECIFICITY.
4. WE ASSUME IT IS INTENDED THAT EXCHANGE OF NOTES WOULD REMAIN CLASSIFIED.
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