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The March 17 issue of Haaretz carried the following story entitled "Formosan Atom Scientists Visit Israel!"

The Director and one of the Assistant Directors of the Nationalist Chinese Atomic Energy Institute paid a brief visit to Israel a few weeks ago and met with Israeli scientists engaged in atomic research. Formosa has made considerable progress in the atomic research field with US assistance and is particularly well informed about Communist China's atomic plans and the possibility of its contributing to atomic arms proliferation. Though Israel and Nationalist China maintain no diplomatic relations, the two Formosan scientists were invited and stopped over for a few days during a journey to Europe. They paid a visit at the Nahal Shoreq reactor.

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The Acting Science Attache will endeavor to check this story out with pertinent Israeli contacts. If the Chinese experts were indeed brought here, as Haaretz implies, in order to glean from them information about the ChiComs' nuclear capabilities, the Israelis may be

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reluctant to discuss the visit fully. (Some Israelis, including former Deputy Minister of Defense Shimon PERES, profess to believe that the UAR can obtain significant ChiCom assistance in the field of nuclear weapons.)

Perhaps Embassy Taipei or the US Mission to the IAEA can identify the two Chinese experts. A debriefing by Embassy Taipei would likely be worthwhile.

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