

March 10

Allen:

Would you talk to me about the questions in our minds about the Taiwan program. I detected a note of impatience with their latest writing on this subject as if they saying "how many times do we have to tell you this?"

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There is lingering suspicion, not entirely without foundation, that bomb-related work may be continuing on Taiwan (HE testing, laser isotope separation experiments, etc.). It seems clear that some of this work could be related to weapons efforts, but it is not clear that it is intended to be so related. And if it is, it is not clear whether or not such work goes on with government sanction, or merely represents the enthusiasm of individual scientists or labs. All of these uncertainties have led the US to seek explanations.

Once again, however, an important motivation for going back to the Taiwan authorities time after time is our concern that the NRC won't issue licenses unless new and more elaborate assurances are provided. ACDA has also been a major road-block.

For all our questioning and assurance gathering, our performance on export licenses for Taiwan has been shameful, in my view. For example, when I was in Taiwan, I was pressed repeatedly by INER authorities for action on a long-pending request for 18% enriched fuel for a new small research reactor. That was in January 1977. We still have not supplied the fuel.

I'd be glad to get into more detail; also, Gerry Helfrich may be our leading authority on the subject of US-Taiwan nuclear relations. Would you care for a briefing?

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