

NODIS
S
NODIS
S
NODIS
S

9 AUG 78Z 22 -44

5A 00238 (16)



Department of State

SECRET NOD756

OUTGOING TELEGRAM

PAGE 1 OF 1 STATE 201370
ORIGIN NODS-00

COPY 6 OF 15 COPIES

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /001 R

DRAFTED BY USDOE:IA:GFHELFRICH:RAE
APPROVED BY EA/ROC:HJFELOMAN
EA/ROC:DGBROWN
S/S RCASTRODALE

-----017954 092058Z /62

P 092028Z AUG 78 ZFF6
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI PRIORITY
INFO WHITE HOUSE PRIORITY 0527

SECRET STATE 201370

NODIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: /NUC, TW

SUBJECT: US NUCLEAR TEAM VISIT

REF: TAIPEI 05013

SUMMARY: IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO DEPARTING TAIPEI, US NUCLEAR TEAM LEADER G.F. HELFRICH HAD LENGTHY CONVERSATION WITH DR. CHENGCHEN-HUA, SEC GEN CAEC, RE IMPRESSIONS OF TEAM. SAME POINTS WERE MADE WITH DR. CHENG AS HAD EARLIER BEEN USED IN MEETING WITH MOFA VICE MINISTER CHIEN ONLY IN SOMEWHAT MORE DETAIL AND IN MORE PERSONAL VEIN. FOLLOWING HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON, HELFRICH MET WITH L.K. CHEN, CHAIRMAN, TAIPOWER AND MADE SAME POINTS WITH HIM. BOTH AGREED TO BRING OUR CONCERNS TO ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE ROC GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. END SUMMARY

SECRET

STATE DEPT. DECLASSIFICATION REVIEW

Retain Class'n Change to _____
 Declassify in part and exercise as shown

EO 12958, 25X (6.1(a)) ()

Declassify After 1 _____

With concurrence _____ (not)(obtained)

IPS by *[Signature]* Date JUL 11 2002

NOT TO BE REPRODUCED WITHOUT THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



Department of State

OUTGOING TELEGRAM

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 201370

1. PRIOR TO DEPARTING TAIPEI ON SUNDAY, JULY 30, US NUCLEAR TEAM LEADER G.F. HELFRICH HAD A TWO HOUR SESSION WITH DR. CHENGCHEN-HUA, SECRETARY GENERAL OF CAEC TO REVIEW PRELIMINARY FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS OF TEAM. ALL OF POINTS RAISED IN MEETING WITH MOFA VICE MINISTER CHIEN WERE EXPLAINED BUT IN GREATER DETAIL. AGAIN, SPECIAL EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON CONCERN ABOUT [REDACTED] AT CIST. DR. CHENG UNDERSTOOD AND SEEMED TO ACCEPT THE CONCERNS OF THE TEAM. RE CIST [REDACTED], DR. CHENG

Dos
25X6.1(a)

ASKED WHAT MORE THEY COULD DO ABOUT IT. HELFRICH STATED THAT CONTROL OF THE INSTITUTE AND ITS PERSONNEL WAS AN ROC PROBLEM -- THE US SIDE COULD ONLY APPRAISE THEM OF ITS FINDINGS. HE ADDED THAT HE WAS PERSONALLY CONVINCED THAT DR. MA HAD BEEN CONDUCTING [REDACTED] AT CIST WHICH FOR SOME REASON CIST MANAGEMENT WAS UNWILLING TO DESCRIBE TO THE US TEAM [REDACTED]

||
||

WHILE THE WORK HAD BEEN SUSPENDED AND DR. MA HAD LEFT THE COUNTRY, THERE WAS NO WAY FOR THE TEAM TO BE CERTAIN THAT SIMILAR OR FOLLOW-ON WORK WAS NOT UNDERWAY ELSEWHERE. HOWEVER, IT WAS IMPERATIVE THAT THE ROC GOVERNMENT MAKE IT UNEQUIVOCALLY CLEAR TO ALL PERSONNEL THAT IF THERE WAS ANY WORK UNDERWAY ANYWHERE RELATED TO [REDACTED]

Dos
25X
6.1(a)

IT MUST BE TERMINATED IMMEDIATELY. DR. CHENG STATED THAT HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH DR. CHIEN, CHAIRMAN OF CAEC THAT EVENING AND HE WOULD RELATE OUR CONCERNS TO HIM. FURTHER, CHENG SAID HE HAD A PRIVATE MEETING SCHEDULED WITH THE PREMIER AT HIS HOME THE NEXT MORNING TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF THE TEAM VISIT WITH HIM. CHENG DID NOT EXPLAIN HOW HE PLANNED TO DESCRIBE VISIT TO PREMIER AND, AS HELFRICH LEFT TAIPEI BEFORE MEETING

SECRET

N
O
D
I
S

N
O
D
I
S

N
O
D
I
S



Department of State

OUTGOING
TELEGRAM

SECRET

PAGE 03

STATE 201370

WAS TO OCCUR; HE IS NOT INFORMED ABOUT WHAT TRANSPIRED.

2. ON THURSDAY, 3 AUGUST MR. L. K. CHEN, CHAIRMAN OF
TAIPOWER VISITED MR. HELFRICH IN HIS OFFICE IN
WASHINGTON. PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE
PURCHASE OF ENRICHED URANIUM FROM US DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY SIMILAR TO ARRANGEMENT REPORTEDLY BEING WORKED OUT
WITH JAPANESE. HELFRICH REVIEWED STATUS OF DISCUSSIONS
WITH JAPANESE AND SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO WAIT
AND SEE IF ANY SALE TO JAPANESE ACTUALLY DEVELOPED AND
NATURE OF THAT SALE BEFORE DISCUSSING POSSIBILITY OF
SIMILAR DEAL WITH ROC. HELFRICH THEN MOVED TO DISCUSSION
OF US NUCLEAR TEAM VISIT. WHILE MAKING SAME POINTS AS
WITH OTHERS, HE PUT SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON [L
AT CIST. CHEN COMMENTED THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING
THAT GENERAL TANG WOULD BE RETIRING SHORTLY. HE WENT ON
TO STATE THAT NOTHING COULD BE ALLOWED TO INTERFERE WITH
CONTINUED US-ROC NUCLEAR POWER COOPERATION AND THAT UPON
HIS RETURN TO TAIPEI HE WOULD CONSULT WITH DR. CHENG AND
THEN BRING OUR CONCERNS TO THE ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE
ROC OFFICIALS.
CHRISTOPHER

2546.1(a)

SECRET

NOT TO BE REPRODUCED WITHOUT THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

N
O
D
I
S

N
O
D
I
S

N
O
D
I
S