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SUBJECT: ATOMIC ENERGY STUDY TEAM VISIT TO TAIWAN

REF: STATE 195046, TAIPEI 6127, TAIPEI 6391

TOKYO FOR HELFRICH AEC

I. COMPOSITION OF STUDY TEAM IS AS FOLLOWS:

DR. ABRAHAM S. FRIEDMAN, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INTERNA-  
TIONAL PROGRAMS, AEC

WILLIAM H. GLEYSTEN, JR., DCM, AMERICAN EMBASSY, TAIPEI

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GERARD HELFRICH, AEC SCIENTIFIC REPRESENTATIVE, TOKYO

2. US SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT ACQUISITION BY ROC OF REPROCESSING PLANT FOR WHATEVER REASONS MAY MEAN THEY MAY HAVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AMBITIONS. PURPOSE OF STUDY TEAM VISIT THEREFORE IS TO UNDERSCORE OUR CONCERN THAT ROC MAY INTEND TO DEVELOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND

SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE REGARD THIS MATTER.

3. STUDY TEAM PLANS TO VISIT THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS: ROC AEC HEADQUARTERS; CHUNG SHAN SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE; INSTITUTE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY RESOURCES; INSTITUTE OF NUCLEAR SCIENCE AT NATIONAL TSING HUA UNIVERSITY; AND TAIPOWER FACILITIES AT CHIN SHAN. IN ADDITION TEAM DESIRES TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE EMBASSY PERSONNEL (INCLUDING DCM GLEYSTEN) FOR BRIEFING DURING AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 15. SUBJECT TO EMBASSY CONCURRENCE, CALLS ON FOREIGN MINISTER SHEN CHANG-HUAN AND AEC SECRETARY GENERAL VICTOR CHENG SHORTLY BEFORE THE TEAM'S DEPARTURE FROM TAIPEI APPEAR ESSENTIAL TO ACHIEVEMENT OF TEAM'S PURPOSE; EMBASSY MAY HAVE ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS. (EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ARRANGE THE APPOINTMENTS DESCRIBED ABOVE IF THAT HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN DONE.)

4. UNLESS EMBASSY HAS OVERRIDING OBJECTION, WE SUGGEST THAT DURING SHEN AND CHENG APPOINTMENTS PRESENTATION BE MADE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

-- DESPITE DISCLAIMERS, WE CONTINUE TO BE CONCERNED THAT SOME ROC LEADERS STILL INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

-- WE BELIEVE ROC EFFORTS TO OBTAIN INDEPENDENT CHEMICAL REPROCESSING FACILITY MAY BE INDICATION OF THIS INTENTION.

-- WE WOULD BE COMPELLED TO REACT SHOULD ROC MOVE FROM CONSIDERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM TO ACTUAL

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IMPLEMENTATION; OUR REACTION WOULD BE BASED ON CIRCUMSTANCES AT TIME.

-- WE ALSO WISH TO REITERATE THAT ACQUISITION OF INDEPENDENT REPROCESSING FACILITY WOULD JEOPARDIZE PRESENT IAEA SAFEGUARDS PROGRAM.

-- FOR THESE REASONS WE STRONGLY URGE ROC TO USE

REPROCESSING FACILITIES LOCATED ELSEWHERE AND TO STORE  
AND FABRICATE DERIVATIVE PLUTONIUM OVERSEAS TO ELIMINATE  
DOUBTS CONCERNING ROC INTENTIONS.

5. RECENT BRUSSELS-TAIPEI EXCHANGES ON ROC PLANS TO  
PROCEED WITH REPROCESSING PLANT PROJECT WITH HELP OF  
COMPRIMO AND SAINT GOBAIN NUCLEAIRE UNDERLIES OUR  
PRESENT STRONG CONCERN. CLEARLY FURTHER INFORMATION ON  
THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO STUDY TEAM. IN

PARTICULAR, TIMING AND RELATIONSHIP OF ROC DECISION TO  
PROCEED, IF ONE HAS BEEN MADE, TO OUR SECOND (MID-AUGUST)  
DEMARCHE ON THIS SUBJECT IS OF INTEREST.

6. CONFIRMING FINAL ITINERARY; FRIEDMAN ARRIVES TOKYO  
13 NOV., NW-3, 1630 HOURS. FRIEDMAN, HOUCK, AND  
HELFRICH DEPART TOKYO 15 NOV., JL-725, 0845 HRS., ARRIVE  
TAIPEI 1120 HRS. (HELFRICH SHOULD SECURE AIRLINE  
RESERVATION ASAP) SIEVERING ARRIVES TAIPEI 15 NOV.,  
CHINA AIR 007; 12:05 P.M. FROM HONOLULU.

7. FRIEDMAN AND HOUCK DEPART TAIPEI FOR US 20 NOV.,  
NW-10, 12:30 PM, ARRIVE HONOLULU 20 NOV., 9:15 AM.  
SIEVERING DEPARTS TAIPEI 20 NOV., NW-10, 12:30 PM,  
ARRIVES TOKYO 4:20 PM, DEPARTS TOKYO 21 NOV., NW-10,  
9:30 PM.

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