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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING PLANTS

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1. ON SOCIAL OCCASION AT MY RESIDENCE FRIDAY EVENING, I PASSED TO VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FRED CH' IEN MATERIAL FROM WIRELESS FILE REPORTING U.S. CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING PLANTS PAKISTAN, IRAN, AND ELSE-WHERE. I SAID I WAS PASSING THIS ALONG AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION TO UNDERLINE CONTINUING CONCERN U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS ABOUT THIS NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION PROBLEM WHEREVER IT MAY ARISE IN THE WORLD. I ADDED WE WERE AWARE OF ROLE MANY NATIONS EXPECTED NUCLEAR POWER TO PLAY IN MEETING NATIONAL ENERGY REQUIEMENTS, BUT WE WERE STRONGLY PERSUADED THAT NATIONAL FACIFILITIES FOR REPROCESSING RAISED UNACCEPTABLE RISKS OF PROLIFERATION.

2. CH' IEN ACKNOWLEDGED MY COMMENTS AND SAID THAT HE WELL UNDERSTOOD OUR CONCERNS AND THAT WE NEED HAVE NO WORRIES HERE.

GROC HAD ASSURED US OF ITS INTENTIONS EARLIER, AND WE COULD BE CERTAIN IT WOULD STAND BY ITS ASSURANCES. I SAID I WAS AWARE OF APPROACH MADE SOME TIME AGO, BEFORE MY TIME IN TAIPEI, TO FOREIGN MINISTER SHEN AND THAT I MENTIONED THE MATTER NOW BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY CONTINUING AND EVEN GREATER CONCERN OF MY GOVERNMENT ABOUT CREATION NATIONAL FACILITIES.

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3. COMMENT: I CANNOT BE SURE WHETHER FRED CH' IEN'S ASSURANCES CAN BE TAKEN TO RELATE SPECIFICALLY TO NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING PLANTS OR TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS, OR TO BOTH, BUT MY OPENING COMMENTS TO HIM WERE UNMISTAKABLY RELATED TO FORMERR, AS WERE WIRELESS FILE MATERIALS. I MADE REFERENCE TO APPROACH TO SHEN RATHER THAN TO PREMIER SINCE I DO NOT KNOW WHO HAS BEEN TOLD BY PREMIER OF MY APPROACH TO HIM OF MAY 27.

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