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SUBJECT: ROC'S NUCLEAR INTENTIONS

1. FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF AN ARTICLE, ENTITLED
"PREMIER PLEDGES ROC NOT TO MAKE NUCLEAR WEAPONS,"
WHICH APPEARED IN THE SEPTEMBER 17 ENGLISH-LANGUAGE
CHINA POST AND CHINESE-LANGUAGE PRESS:

A. BEGIN TEXT: PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO EMPHATICALLY
STATED AT A CABINET MEETING HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16,
THAT THE ROC HAS NEVER HAD THE INTENTION TO MANUFACTURE
NUCLEAR WEAPONS, NOR HAS THERE BEEN ANY FACT TO INDICATE
THAT IT HAS. THE CABINET SOLEMNLY STATED THE FOLLOWING:

B. "1 SINCE 1955, THE COMPETENT AGENCIES OF THE ROC
HAVE FULLY COOPERATED WITH OFFICIALS BOTH OF THE INTER-
NATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (IAEA) AND OF THE USG IN
THE APPLICATION OF SAFEGUARDS INSPECTIONS CONCERNING ITS
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL
USES. THE IAEA HAS CONSISTENTLY FOUND IN ITS REGULAR
INSPECTION THAT THE NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL USED
BY THE ROC ARE ENTIRELY IN CONFORMITY WITH THE STANDARDS
OF INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION.

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"2. THE ROC IS A SIGNATORY OF THE TREATY ON NON-
PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND HAS ALWAYS STRICTLY
OBSERVED ALL ITS PROVISIONS.

"3. THE GROC HAS NO INTENTION WHATSOEVER TO USE ITS
HUMAN AND NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR TO OBTAIN EQUIPMENT FOR REPROCESSING
SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL.

"4. THE GROC WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT IAEA
INSPECTIONS AND TO MAKE PUBLIC ITS NUCLEAR ENERGY RESEARCH
PROJECTS. IT WELCOMES NUCLEAR SCIENTISTS OF FRIENDLY
COUNTRIES TO COME TO THIS COUNTRY TO WORK JOINTLY WITH
ITS OWN SCIENTISTS IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR
PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. END TEXT.
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