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greetings from hawaii. the temperature here is going to be 80, so tom and i are working very hard at starting a good tanning base. actually, it has been overcast, but much better than what john tells me you are facing.

--log number 90338 add-on: approved by president. state, through david dean, should contact drew lewis to see if he is available and report back to us. i will tell covey here, but paul should also go to state, telephonically not on paper.

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1. (U) THERE FOLLOWS AN INFORMAL FULL TRANSLATION OF

AN ARTICLE BY UNITED DAILY NEWS WASHINGTON BUREAU CHIEF COMMET SHIH, ENTITLED THE IMPORTANCE OF

PUBLICIZING AMERICAN ASSURANCES, WHICH APPEARED IN

THE MAY 3 EDITION OF THE UNITED DAILY NEWS.

2. (U) BEGIN TRANSLATION. ON THE EVE OF THE ISSUANCE "AUGUST 17 COMMUNIQUE" IN 1982, DIRECTOR OF THE

TAIPEI OFFICE OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN TAIWAN

JAMES R. LILLEY CALLED ON TAIWAN'S HIGHEST AUTHORITY

TO PRESENT AMERICAN ASSURANCES ON THE COMMUNIQUE.

THAT TIME, LILLEY TOOK A WRITTEN DOCUMENT FROM HIS POCKET AND ORALLY PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING SIX

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ASSURANCES FROM THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION:

- (1) NO AMENDMENT OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT;

-(2) NO ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEADLINE ON U.S. ARMS

SALES TO TAIVAN;

 ─(3) NO CONSULTATION IN ADVANCE WITH THE PRC ON

ARMS SALES TO TAINAN;

(4) NO MEDIATION BETWEEN TAIPEL AND BEIJING:

- (5) NO CHANGE IN POSITION ON TAIWAN'S

SOVEREIGNTY; AND

• (6) NO PRESSURE ON TAIPEL TO NEGOTIATE WITH

THE PRC.

3. (U) AFTER LILLEY PRESENTED THESE ASSURANCES,

TAIPÈI MADE A RECORD OF THEM.

4. (U) AT THAT TIME TAIPEL MADE A MAJOR DECISION IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUGUST 17 COMMUNIQUE'S COMPEND

(WHICH WAS THAT) IF THE COMMUNICUE DAMAGED TAIMAN'S

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INTERESTS, TAIPEL WOULD MAKE THE SIX ASSURANCES
PUBLIC. ON THE SAME DAY THAT THE "AUGUST 17
CDMMUNIQUE" WAS ISSUED. TAIPEL UNILATERALLY MADE THE
SIX ASSURANCES PUBLIC. AS THE U.S. SIDE HAD NOT
PRESENTED THE ASSURANCES IN WRITING, REPRESENTATIVE
ROBERT J. LAGOMARSINO (R-CA.), ASKED THEN ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EA AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS JOHN
HOLDRIGE TO TESTIFY ON THE SIX ASSURANCES ITEM BY ITEM
AT A HEARING OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.
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LAGOMARSINO IS VERY IMPORTANT (BECAUSE) UNTIL NOW AMERICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OR SPOKESMEN HAVE NEVER PUBLICLY STATED THE AMERICAN POLICY OF THE SIX "NO'S." NOT DNLY DID REPRESENTATIVE LAGOMARSINO'S INQUIRIES OF A HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL PUT THESE OPAL ASSURANCES ON THE RECORD, THUS CORRECTING THE INADEQUACY DF AN ORAL ASSUPANCE, BUT THEY ALSO CREATED A WRITTEN HISTORICAL RECORD.

6. (U) IF. IN INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS, PROMISES OR ASSURANCES MADE SECRETLY ARE NOT MADE PUPLIC, THEY CAN BE EASILY DENIED BY ONE SIDE WHICH FAILS TO HONOR ITS COMMITMENTS. THERE ARE MANY EXAMPLES OF THIS KIND IN

HISTORY. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE IS THE "DEAD LETTER"DISPUTE OF 1965 (SIC) BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND SOUTH
VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENTS. AFTER THE THEN NIXON
ADMINISTRATION BROUGHT ABOUT THE PARIS CEASEFIRE
ACCORD, PRESIDENT NIXON PERSONALLY WROTE A LETTER TO
SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU ASSURING
HIM THAT AFTER THE CEASEFIRE ACCORD WAS SIGNED, THE
U.S. WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SOUTH VIETNAM WITH
WEAPONS. THE TWO SIDES KEPT THE LETTER SECRET AND DID
NOT MAKE IT PUBLIC.

7. (U) PRESIDENT NIXON RESIGNED IN AUGUST 1974
BECAUSE OF THE WATERGATE AFFAIR, AND VICE PRESIDENT
FORD BECAME PRESIDENT. NORTH VIETNAM HAD NOTHING TO
FEAR IN 1975. IT TORE UP THE CEASEFIPE AGREEMENT AND
SOUTH VIETNAM WITHDREW FROM ONE PLACE TO THE NEXT.
SEEING THAT THE SITUATION WAS HOPELESS, THE U.S.
CONGRESS REJECTED FRESIDENT FORD'S EMERGENCY REQUEST
FOR AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM. THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE
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REITERATE THE SIX ASSURANCES PRESENTED BY . 1982. PRESIDENT REAGAN'S RESOLUTE ATTITUDE ON THE TAIWAN ISSUE WAS REITERATED BY HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS WHO ACCOMPANIED REAGAN IN THE TRIP. SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE SHULTZ AGAIN EXPRESSED THE U.S. STAND IN HIS BEIEFING TO ACCOMPANYING AMERICAN JOURNALISTS

AFTER THE VISIT. 10. (U) BUT WHAT EXACTLY ARE THESE ASSURANCES? AMERICAN OFFICIALS AT DIFFERENT LEVELS HAVE REPEATED PRESIDENT FEAGAN'S PROMISE THAT HE WOULD NOT CAST ASIDE OLD FRIENDS IN ORDER TO MAKE HEN FRIENDS. SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ SAID, PEGARDING THE TAINAN ISSUE, THAT THE U.S. DID NOT RETERAT: THAT THE ORIGINAL AMERICAN POSITION LAS NEITHER MORE HOF LESS THAN PREVIOUSLY: AND THAT THE U.S. SIDE DID NOT INTIME TO PEOPEN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE AUGUST 17 COMMUNIQUE. UNCLASSIFIED

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- 11. (U) ASIDE FROM TPESE STATEMENTS, THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT REVEALED THE CONCRETE CONTENT OF ITS ASSURANCES TO TAIPEI. THE TAIPEI SIDE HAS ALSO SAID NOTHING.
- 12. (U) IN THE UNITED STATES, THE ONLY PLACE WHERE THE CONTENT OF THESE ASSURANCES WAS REVEALED WAS THE NEW YORK TIMES. THE NEW YORK TIMES ON APRIL 26. WHEN REAGAN HAD JUST ARRIVED IN PEIJING, PUBLISHED A REPORT ON THE CONTENT OF THE ASSURANCES. THIS WAS NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE LOW PROFILE PRINCIPLE WHICH HAD BEEN AGREED ON BY BOTH SIDES (TAIWAN AND THE UNITED STATES). BUT THE PRIVATE U.S. ASSURANCES AND PROMISTS TO TAIPEI WERE MADE PUBLIC, AND THIS, FROM TAIWAN'S POINT OF VIEW, OUGHT TO BE A GOOD THING. UNCLASSIFIED

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13. (U) ABOVE ALL, THE VALUE OF THIS KIND OF PRIVATE ASSURANCE SHOULD BE AS HISTORICAL EVIDENCE. THIS TIMELY REPORT BY THE NEW YORK TIMES SERVES JUST THIS PURPOSE. END TRANSLATION.

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