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August 17, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ *ups*
The Secretary of State

THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER
The Secretary of Defense *CW*

SUBJECT: Arms Sales to Taiwan (S)

As you know, I have agreed to the issuance of a joint
communique with the People's Republic of China in which
we express United States policy toward the matter of
continuing arms sales to Taiwan. (S)

The talks leading up to the signing of the communique were
premised on the clear understanding that any reduction of
such arms sales depends upon peace in the Taiwan Straits and
the continuity of China's declared "fundamental policy" of
seeking a peaceful resolution of the Taiwan issue. (S)

In short, the U.S. willingness to reduce its arms sales to
Taiwan is conditioned absolutely upon the continued commit-
ment of China to the peaceful solution of the Taiwan-PRC
differences. It should be clearly understood that the
linkage between these two matters is a permanent imperative
of U.S. foreign policy. (S)

In addition, it is essential that the quantity and quality
of the arms provided Taiwan be conditioned entirely on the
threat posed by the PRC. Both in quantitative and
qualitative terms, Taiwan's defense capability relative to
that of the PRC will be maintained. (S)

Ronald Reagan

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