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E.O. 12065: GDS 9/3/01 (ROPKA, L.)

TAGS: PINT, CH, TW

SUBJECT: LOSS OF F-5-F ON 8 AUGUST 1981

REFS: TAIPEI 4381

-- BEIJING 8497

-- BEIJING 8875

(S - ENTIRE TEXT)

1. THIS MSG CONSTITUTES FOLLOW-UP TO TAIPEI 4381, WHICH GAVE PERTINENT DATA REGARDING AIRCRAFT. TAIWAN AF STATES THAT THERE WERE NO MISSILES, ONLY AN M39-A3 GUN, ABOARD, BUT HSIHUA BEIJING REPORTED ON 11 AUG THAT AIRCRAFT WAS EQUIPPED WITH TWO SIDEWINDER MISSILES. SMALL HOLES IN TAIL SECTION OF AIRCRAFT WHICH WERE NOT THERE WHEN IT LEFT TAOYUAN AFB WERE VISIBLE ON A MAINLAND TV TAPE, ACCORDING TO LTG CH'EN HSIN'LING, DIRECTOR OF THE TAF GHQ POL WARFARE DEPT.

2. REUTERS (BEIJING) REPORTED THAT HUANG, IN NEWS CONFERENCE OF 20 AUG IN GREAT HALL OF PEOPLE, STATED THAT NO PRC PLANES ROSE TO CHALLENGE THE APPROACH OF HIS AIRCRAFT INTO CHINA'S AIR SPACE, BUT OFFERED NO COMMENT OR EXPLANATION AS TO WHY HE COULD FLY INTO CHINA UNCHALLENGED. REUTERS ALSO REPORTED THAT HUANG SAID, "I HAVE LEARNED THAT MILITARY EQUIPMENT HERE IS OUTDATED AND THAT THE LIFE OF THE PEOPLE IS VERY DIFFICULT", AND THAT WHEN ASKED ABOUT LIFE IN TAIWAN, HE REPLIED "I ENJOYED AMPLE FREEDOM". ON OTHER HAND, CHINA YOUTH NEWS OF 13 AUG REPORTED THAT ON NIGHT OF 6 AUG HUANG GOT DRUNK WITH SOME OTHER TAF PILOTS AND REMARKED, "THIS IS THE LAST TOAST I WILL DRINK WITH YOU ALL". SOMEONE REPORTED THIS TO HIS CO, WHO CALLED HIM IN FOR QUESTIONING, BUT HUANG GOT OFF BY SAYING THAT HE WOULD GIVE UP DRINKING. HUANG WAS QUOTED AS CONDEMNING TAIWAN AS A CHAOTIC AND UNEQUAL AUTOCRACY WHERE THERE IS NO FREEDOM, ADDING "IN TAIWAN WE HAVE OUR OWN CAR, A HOUSE WITH AIR CONDITIONING AND A MONTHLY SALARY OF 25,000 DOLLARS (NT, ABOUT US \$650), BUT TODAY MANY YOUNG PEOPLE LACK SPIRITUAL SATISFACTION . . . THEY FEEL THERE IS NO FUTURE, NO WAY OUT." HUANG ALSO WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT HE STARTED PLANNING HIS ESCAPE ROUTE THREE MONTHS BEFORE HE LEFT TAIWAN, STUDYING MAPS AND INFORMATION ABOUT PRC AIRFIELDS AND FIGURING THE FUEL NEEDED. THE PAPER SAID THAT HE TOOK OFF FROM TAOYUAN AIRPORT, CROSSED THE COAST AT THE MOUTH OF THE DANSHUI (TAN-SHUI) RIVER, PULLED OUT THE WIRES FROM HIS RADIO, HEADED FOR THE MIN RIVER ESTUARY ON THE MAINLAND, FLYING CLOSE TO SEA LEVEL, AND THEN LANDED. MAINLAND REPORTS HAVE NOT MENTIONED A CO-PILOT AND HAVE NOT ATTEMPTED TO EXPLAIN THE EMPTY REAR SEAT OF THE F-5-F. HUANG'S FAMILY'S OLD HOME IS IN YUNG-CHUNG, KWANG-HSI (GUANGSI) PROVINCE, BUT HE WAS BORN IN TAIWAN AND HAS NO KNOWN TIES ON THE MAINLAND. WHEN ASKED ON BEIJING TV ON NIGHT OF 11 AUG IF HE WOULD SOON BE "GOING BACK" TO GUANGSI, HE REPLIED, "YES, BUT I DON'T KNOW A SINGLE PERSON THERE."

3. TAIWAN'S RESPONSES TO THE INCIDENT ARE EXPECTED TO BE TWOFOLD: INCREASED EMPHASIS ON LOYALTY INDOCTRINATION AT THE MILITARY POLITICAL WARFARE LEVEL, AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST HUANG'S FORMER COMMANDER OR POL WARFARE OFFICER AT TAO-YUAN AFB. A KNOWLEDGEABLE TAF FIELD GRADE OFFICER SAID ON 2 SEP THAT THE DISCIPLINING WILL NOT TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY, HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO AVOID CONTAMINATING THE OFFICIAL VERSION OF THE HUANG CASE, WHICH IS THAT HE GOT LOST AND RAN SO LOW ON FUEL THAT HE COULD NOT MAKE IT BACK TO TAIWAN. DISCIPLINARY ACTION WILL PROBABLY BE DELAYED UNTIL AT LEAST DOUBLE TEN DAY. BOTH GEN WU YUEH, TAF C-IN-C, AND THE DIRECTOR OF HIS POL WARFARE DEPT, LTG CH'EN, MAY ALSO BE CRITICIZED IN VIEW OF THEIR OVERALL RESPONSIBILITIES. POLITICAL WARFARE OFFICERS ARE SCREENING THEIR FILES, AND PILOTS OF QUESTIONABLE BEHAVIOR ARE BEING GROUNDED. GAMBLING HAS BEEN PROHIBITED AND DRINKING IS BEING CURTAILED, HE SAID.

4. IT IS HIGHLY DOUBTFUL THAT TAIWAN WILL MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO RECOVER THE AIRCRAFT. A COMMENTARY IN THE LIEN-HO PAO (UNITED DAILY NEWS), TAIPEI, ON 15 AUGUST DESCRIBED THE F-5-F ACCURATELY AND CONCLUDED THAT

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ALTHOUGH PRC TECHNICIANS WILL REVERSE-ENGINEER THE AIRCRAFT AND ATTEMPT TO IMITATE IT, THE EFFORT WILL REQUIRE AT LEAST FIVE YEARS "AT THE PRESENT TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES OF THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS", BY WHICH TIME TAIWAN'S OWN ADVANCES IN AERONAUTICAL SCIENCE SHOULD KEEP TAIWAN AHEAD. THE LOST AIRCRAFT WILL BE MAINLY USEFUL TO THE PRC "AS A TOOL TO ADVANCE THEIR UNITED FRONT POLITICAL PROPAGANDA". THE COMMENTATOR CONCLUDED.

COMMENT: IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT PRC TECHNICIANS WILL REVERSE-ENGINEER THE COMPLETE F-5-F, WITH OR WITHOUT THE REAR SEAT, BUT THEY MAY DO SO FOR SOME COMPONENTS. CROSS

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

September 9, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: JAMES LILLEY *W*

SUBJECT: Intensifying Pressure to Block FX Sale (C)

I sent you this morning (Tab A) a memo spelling out an orchestrated effort to pressure the President on the FX issue. We now have the latest demarche from Peking which escalates the level of concern on their part. (Tab B). (C)

This is the most direct linkage I have seen between the FX sale to Taiwan and a retrogression in Sino-US relations. The Chinese, as we suspected all along, are focusing in on the FX as the real issue, not as they stated earlier, the whole issue of arms sales to Taiwan. (C)

In my view, the Chinese are banking on:

-- The President's reputed pragmatism which will cause him to adjust his position on arms sales to Taiwan to the "strategic imperative." (C)

-- Their supporters in and out of government to use these statements to buttress their position against FX sales. (C)

I noted, however, the Chinese did not link their concerns for the FX to the visit of Deputy Chief of Staff Liu. This seems to me to be a rather poignant omission and reinforces my belief that we should unleash Rich Armitage on the People's Liberation Army. (C)

Attachments:

Tab A Lilley memo to RVA dtd 9/9/81
Tab B Beijing cable #9722 (3 pages)

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TAGS: OVIP, PEPR, CH, US

SUBJECT: (S) LIU HUAQING VISIT -- F-X

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AT A CHINESE EMBASSY DINNER SEPTEMBER 3 IN HONOR OF AMBASSADOR HUMMEL, AND ATTENDED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLDRIDGE, POLITICAL COUNSELOR CAO GUISHENG SOUGHT OUT ACTING EA/C DIRECTOR HALLFORD TO GIVE "HIS PERSONAL OPINION" THAT UNCERTAINTY OVER OUR F-X DECISION FOR TAIWAN HAD LED TO THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE LIU HUAQING VISIT. CAO NOTED THESE WERE HIS PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS; HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT "THEY THOUGHT" IN BEIJING. HE ADDED THAT IF THERE WERE A DECISION ON THE F-X THIS YEAR OR NEXT, THE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT ON TAIWAN WOULD BE ENORMOUS, AS WOULD BE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS. CAO SAID THIS ISSUE HAD "TREMENDOUS SENSITIVITY" IN CHINA. HALLFORD POINTED OUT THAT U.S. POLICY ON ARMS SALES TO TAIWAN REMAINED AS SECRETARY HAIG HAD EXPLAINED IT TO CHINESE LEADERS IN JUNE. CAO OBSERVED, "THEN U.S. POLICY IS STILL UNDECIDED."

HALLFORD RESPONDED THAT U.S. POLICY ON THE QUESTION HAD BEEN CONSISTENT: THAT THE U.S. WOULD CONTINUE TO MAKE DEFENSIVE WEAPONS AVAILABLE TO TAIWAN ON A PRUDENT BASIS. CAO STATED, "WE WILL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE."

3. AMBASSADOR CHAI, JUST BACK FROM LEAVE IN CHINA, SAID HE BROUGHT NO MESSAGES, BUT IN HIS TOAST SINGLED OUT TAIWAN AS THE ONLY MAJOR DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND

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CHINA. ONLY IF THIS QUESTION WERE HANDLED PROPERLY
COULD FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IN OUR RELATIONSHIP OCCUR.

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TAGS: PINT, PEPR, PARM, OVIP, CH, USP
SUBJ: CHINESE MFA STATEMENT ON U.S. ARMS SALES
TO TAIWAN

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT

2. VICE FOREIGN MINISTER ZHANG WENJIN CALLED IN CHARGE
SEPTEMBER 9 TO DISCUSS ISSUE OF U.S. ARMS SALES TO
TAIWAN. FOLLOWING INITIAL PLEASANTRIES, ZHANG READ
THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

3. BEGIN TEXT:

RECENTLY, WE HAVE LEARNED FROM SEVERAL SOURCES THAT
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING SELLING F-16 FIGHTERS
TO TAIWAN. THIS WAS CONFIRMED BY MR. ZABLOCKI, CHAIRMAN
OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE U.S.
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND SENATOR GLENN IN THEIR
INTERVIEWS TO NEWSMEN ON 21 AND 31 AUGUST RESPECTIVELY.
WE CANNOT BUT FEEL SERIOUS CONCERN AT THIS.
SINCE HIS ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE, PRESIDENT REAGAN
HAS STATED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT HE ATTACHES
IMPORTANCE TO THE STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHINA
AND THE UNITED STATES AND THAT HE IS READY TO DEVELOP
FURTHER THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE
JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC

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RELATIONS. DURING HIS VISIT TO CHINA LAST JUNE, SECRETARY OF STATE ALEXANDER HAIG REITERATED THIS POLICY OF PRESIDENT REAGAN. WE WELCOME THESE STATEMENTS. HOWEVER, AS VICE-CHAIRMAN DENG YIAOPING AND OTHER CHINESE LEADERS HAVE POINTED OUT TIME AND AGAIN, THERE ARE STILL DARK SHADWS OVER SINO-U.S. RELATIONS. THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS REPEATEDLY STATED ITS OPPOSITION TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUED SALE OF WEAPONS TO TAIWAN, WHICH IS AN INTERFERENCE IN CHINA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND DETRIMENTAL TO THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT SINCERELY WISHES TO SEE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SINO-U.S. RELATIONS. HOWEVER, SHOULD THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DISREGARD THIS FIRM POSITION OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND EVEN DECIDE TO SELL SUCH ADVANCED WEAPONS AS THE FX FIGHTERS TO TAIWAN, IT IS BOUND TO LEAD TO RETROGRESSION IN SINO-U.S. RELATIONS.

I WOULD LIKE TO ASK MR. CHARGE D'AFFAIRES TO CONVEY MY ABOVE REMARKS TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.
END TEXT.

4. CHARGE RESPONDED BY OBSERVING THAT THE COMMENTS BY SENATORS GLENN AND ZABLOCKI WERE NOT MADE ON BEHALF OF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION. THEIR STATED VIEWS SHOULD THEREFORE BE TAKEN AS THEIR INDIVIDUAL OPINIONS AND NOT THE POSITION OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

5. ZHANG SAID THE CHINESE RECOGNIZE THAT BOTH ZABLOCKI AND GLENN ARE DEMOCRATS IN THE LEGISLATIVE AND NOT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCE. HE REMARKED, HOWEVER, THAT THE TWO HOLD RESPONSIBLE POSITION IN THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE RESPECTIVELY AND THAT THESE COMMITTEES ARE PERIODICALLY BRIEFED BY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS, INCLUDING SECRETARY HAIG.
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CONTINUING, ZHANG REMARKED THAT THE CHINESE "INFORMATION"
ON THE MATTER HAD ALSO COME FROM "OTHER SOURCES".
HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT "WE THINK THAT THERE
IS A NEW TREND OF DEVELOPMENT AND WE WOULD LIKE TO
CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS DEVELOPMENT."

6. COMMENT: ZHANG'S STATEMENT APPEARS TO BE
CONSISTENT WITH PAST CHINESE WARNINGS REGARDING
U.S. ARMS SALES TO TAIWAN. HIS REFERENCE TO
"SHADOWS" OVER SINO-U.S. RELATIONS TOGETHER WITH
A CONDEMNATION OF ZABLOCKI WERE TWO POINTS
RAISED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MFA'S U.S. AFFAIRS
DIVISION ZHANG WENPU (WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT AT THE
MEETING) DURING AN AUGUST 24 CONVERSATION WITH US.
(BEIJING 9004)

7. ZHANG'S EFFORT TO DIFFERENTIATE THE ZABLOCKI AND
GLENN STATEMENTS ON ARMS SALES TO TAIWAN FROM "OTHER
SOURCES", AND HIS CONCLUDING OBSERVATION THAT THE CHINESE
SEE A "NEW TREND OF DEVELOPMENT" IN U.S. CONSIDERATION
OF THE F-X FOR TAIWAN ARMS SALES TO TAIWAN INDICATES
BEIJING'S CONCERN THAT THERE COULD BE NEW MOVEMENT BY THE
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October 8, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN POINDEXTER

FROM: JAMES LILLEY 
SUBJECT: Former President's Brief

Attached is a brief, per your request, on "China Arms Sales/Taiwan."

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October 28, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: JAMES LILLEY *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Options Paper (U)

The memorandum to the Secretaries of State and Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence has been revised per your request.

RECOMMENDATION: That you sign the memo at Tab I.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

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Tab I Memo to State/Defense/CIA
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