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-- REF: TAIPEI 4476

CONCERNING TAIWAN'S REQUEST TO MAKE PUBLIC PRESIDENT REAGAN'S ASSURANCES REPORTED REFTEL.
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-- YOU SHOULD URGE CHIEN
-- TO SAY IN THEIR PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT, BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS, IT IS THEIR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE U.S SIDE:

-- HAS NOT AGREED TO SET A DATE FOR ENDING ARMS SALES TO TAIWAN.

-- HAS NOT AGREED TO CONSULT WITH THE PRC ON ARMS SALES TO TAIWAN.

-- WILL NOT PLAY ANY MEDIATION ROLE BETWEEN TAIPEI AND BEIJING.

-- HAS NOT AGREED TO REVISE THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT.

-- HAS NOT ALTERED ITS POSITION REGARDING SOVEREIGNTY OVER TAIWAN. (FYI: IF ASKED WHY WE HAVE MODIFIED THE STATEMENT ON SOVEREIGNTY, YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY USED THIS TERMINOLOGY IN OUR PUBLIC STATEMENTS.)

-- WILL NOT EXERT PRESSURE ON TAIWAN TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PRC.

IN THEIR STATEMENT, THERE SHOULD OF COURSE BE NO LINKAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN.

YOU SHOULD TELL CHIEN THAT WE WILL ALSO MAKE THESE POINTS IN JOHN HOLDRIDGE'S PUBLIC TESTIMONY TOMORROW (TUESDAY) BEFORE THE SFRC.

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