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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Military to Military Talks with Taiwan (S)

(S) Members of my staff, led by a Deputy Assistant Secretary, met on August 19 and 20 with a delegation of Taiwan defense representatives led by Admiral Yeh Chang-tung. This was the first military to military meeting since November 1979.

(S) The main focus of discussions was a thorough examination of Taiwan's defense needs. During the course of the meetings, the Taiwan delegation presented a time-phased list of equipment they project as their requirements for the next ten years. We accepted it as such and promised that it would receive careful and timely consideration. Part of the discussion concerned arms sales cases that had been held up during talks with Beijing. On some items, Taiwan will be coming back to us; others can proceed as planned.

(S) Formal notification to Congress of your decision to extend Taiwan's F-5E/F coproduction line was an added highlight to our meetings. Also, during the meetings we presented, and they signed, a Letter of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) for the first 23 of 66 F-104G fighter aircraft we repurchased from Germany for transfer to Taiwan. Additionally, we informed Taiwan that the Garrett Corporation proposal, to study with Taiwan's aviation industry the joint development of an after-burning turbofan jet engine for the Taiwan Air Force, had been approved.

(S) Finally, we reiterated your assurances to Chiang Ching-kuo, that we remain firmly and deeply committed to the moral and legal obligations in the Taiwan Relations Act, and that the security of Taiwan and the well-being of its people are continuing, steadfast interests of the United States.

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