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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON ROC'S NUCLEAR INTENTIONS

REF: A) STATE 219733, B) TAIPEI 6100

1. WE ASSUME THAT IN PROMISED MEETING TO CONVEY OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO OUR DEMARCHE ON ROC'S NUCLEAR INTENTIONS (REF B) FONMIN SHEN WILL REITERATE ASSURANCES THAT ROC WILL NOT DEVELOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND WILL NOT SEEK TO ACQUIRE A NATIONAL REPROCESSING FACILITY. IN THAT EVENT YOU SHOULD REFRAIN FROM EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH SUCH ASSURANCES AND MERELY STATE THAT YOU WILL REPORT ROC'S POSITION TO YOUR GOVERNMENT. FYI BECAUSE OF OUR CONTINUING CONCERN OVER REPORTED SECRET REPROCESSING AND POSSIBILITY THAT WE MAY APPROACH ROC ON THIS ISSUE, WE DO NOT WISH TO CONVEY IMPRESSION THAT MATTER IS CLOSED WITH ROC RESPONSE TO OUR DEMARCHE.

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2. SHOULD SHEN IN RESPONDING TO DEMARCHE REFER TO ROC'S CONTINUED INTEREST IN GOING AHEAD WITH REPROCESSING LABORATORY, YOU SHOULD AVOID A FORTHCOMING RESPONSE AND NOTE THAT THE USG IS CONSIDERING ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD THE OPERATION OF THIS LABORATORY., KISSINGER

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