

## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

November 8, 1995

MEMORANDUM TO:

Chairman Jackson

Commissioner Rogers

FROM:

Carlton R. Stoiber, Director

Office of International Programs

SUBJECT:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ON THE VISIT OF DR. YIN YEN HSU,

CHAIRMAN TAIWAN ATOMIC ENERGY COUNCIL

(THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1995)

The attached supplements my memorandum of November 6 on the visit of Dr. Y.Y. Psu on Thursday, November 9, 1995.

By copy of this memorandum, the SECY, OGC, EDO, NRR, RES, NMSS, and AEOD are also being advised of this visit.

Attachment: (Confidential)

Talking Points/Background Supplement

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## BACKGROUND and TALKING POINTS Supplement

(U) NRC Safety Objectives With Taiwan and China

(U) In addition to the NRC program of nuclear safety cooperation with Taiwan described in the November 3 memorandum, NRC has had a "Protocol on Nuclear Safety Matters" in effect with the Chinese National Nuclear Safety Administration since 1984. The Commission's objectives of open cooperation and timely exchange of nuclear safety information is the same for both Taiwan and China, and these programs are coordinated with the Department of State. In the past, Faiwan and China have been aware of Commission-level travel to both countries, and they have always been interested in our observations. In addition, we have not experienced any negative reaction from either Taiwan or China to our programs of safety cooperation.

(U) Travel to Taiwan

(U) The Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96-8 of April 10, 1979) provides the legal framework for the conduct of unofficial relations between representatives of the U.S. Government and the people on Taiwan. In addition, Administration and State Department guidelines permit heads of agencies to travel to Taiwan (with exception of the Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense). In the last several years, Chairman Selin (5/94) and Commissioners Rogers (10/92), Remick (10/93 and 4/94), and de Planque (4/94) made "unofficial" visits to Taipei following these guidelines as consultants to the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT). It is expected that Taiwan AEC Chairman Hsu will invite you to visit Taiwan. Such a visit would be important for our efforts to maintain strong ties and an active regulatory dialogue with Taiwan. At the same time Chinese sensitivities about the US/Taiwan relationship need to be taken into account; it would be best to visit China before going to Taiwan.

If asked about visiting Taiwan, recommend you respond that you would like

to visit when a suitable opportunity arises.

