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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. CHIN-MING HUA

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN REGARDING THE UNFAIR
TREATMENT TAIWAN HAS SUFFERED DURING ITS
APPLYING FOR THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE
AND TARIFF (GATT)

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May 18, 1990

Dear Mr. President:

As a group of loyal citizens to the United States, we appreciate very much your leadership and your kind patronage to the Chinese-Americans in your administration.

Mr. President, as you know, the Republic of China (ROC) on Taiwan had been a close ally fighting hand in hand with the United States during the Second World War. Also, Taiwan has played as an cooperative role that is constructive to the U.S. interests in its effort of leading to the economic prosperity and strategic stability in the Pacific Asia. Thanks to its material affluence and robust economy, Taiwan has become the fifth largest trade partner of the United States in the past several years. This economic relations, added by cultural exchanges, tends to be a solid basis for the furthering cooperation between Taiwan and the United States in the future.

As Taiwan created an "economic miracle" during the 1970s and 1980s, the ROC government is currently in the process of making a "political miracle" by accelerating its political democratization.

In this context, we strongly concern about the unfair treat Taiwan has suffered during its applying for the General Agreement on Trade and Tariff (GATT) as a member. Taiwan's willingness to contribute to the international economic community has been ruthlessly distorted without regard to its good performance in that particular arena. To remedy this unfair situation, we urge you, the President of the United States, to support Taiwan's effort in entering the GATT. We are sure that your timely and valuable support will be beneficial to the interest of the United States and also conducive to the future prosperity of the Pacific-Asian economy.

Thank you for your attention and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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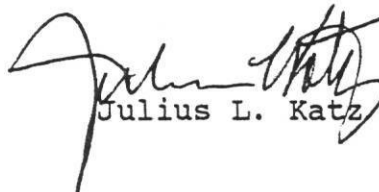
Dear Mr. Hua:

The President has asked me to follow-up on the White House response to your letter of May 18, 1990, concerning the application by Taiwan for accession to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). Taiwan's decision to submit a request for GATT contracting party status on January 1, 1990, was an important development. With Taiwan's application, we have a unique opportunity to bring under GATT discipline one of the last major market-price based trading entities outside the GATT system. The considerations you note in your letter clearly illustrate the reasons that Taiwan's inclusion in the GATT system will benefit U.S. bilateral and multilateral trade goals.

Taiwan has tried to avoid political controversy by applying as the Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu, rather than under a more politically contentious title. Nevertheless, this request presents political difficulties. While the GATT does not require political sovereignty for GATT participation, the People's Republic of China strongly objects to consideration of Taiwan's request for GATT membership, equating this with political recognition of the Taiwan regime. As a consequence, the GATT Contracting Parties have delayed placing the issue on the Council agenda in order to reflect on the application and on how it can be addressed in the GATT.

I continue to believe that the eventual accession of Taiwan to the GATT will greatly benefit U.S. commercial and trade policy interests, and the international trading system as a whole. We will work with other GATT contracting parties to address the problems that face eventual initiation of the GATT review of Taiwan's request, and we appreciate your continued support for our efforts.

Sincerely yours,


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