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May 29, 1990

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO MY:
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F. McClure

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I urge you to throw your full support behind Taiwan's application for formal membership as a customs territory in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

From time immemorial, U.S. foreign policy has been based on liberalizing global trade. It was the United States which predicated its nineteenth century diplomatic agenda on an "open door" to China. This was long before communism was a power in the world. Our policy then was based on the principle that the number one priority of this nation was and is commerce. There is no reason to abandon this precedent today. Excluding a country of Taiwan's status from an international commercial agreement would be hard to justify in any political context, let alone the present one.

I represent the Thirty Second Congressional District of California, one whose prosperity is dependent upon the tides of international commerce which flow through the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, the largest two ports in the nation. For this reason, I presently support the Administration's decision to renew Most Favored Nation status for the People's Republic of China. For the same reason, I support extending GATT membership to Taiwan.

Taiwan is the thirteenth largest trading nation in the world and our own fifth largest trading partner. Bilateral trade between our two countries was valued at 35 billion dollars last year. In comparison, trade between the U.S. and the People's Republic of China was valued at 17 billion dollars, less than half that. On purely commercial grounds, the numbers themselves ought to be reason enough to include Taiwan in GATT. Excluding this loyal ally from such a vital organization to appease the sensibilities of the government which perpetrated the Tiananman Square massacre undermines both our moral stature and our historical role as the world's leading advocate of free trade.

It is my belief that America should work to decouple her trade relationships from the contentious and controversial political issues which will always exist between Taiwan and the People's Republic of China. For the sake of our own pressing national self interest, I urge you to reconsider supporting Taiwan's application for membership as a customs territory under GATT.

Sincerely,


GLENN M. ANDERSON
Member of Congress

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June 19, 1990

Dear Congressman Anderson:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President regarding Taiwan's application for formal membership in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

We appreciate your endorsement of Taiwan's application as a customs territory and being apprised of your constituents' interests. I have taken the liberty of sharing your comments with the President's trade policy advisors so that they, too, are aware of your views.

Thank you again for writing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

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Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

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