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 - CHINA TIMES, WASHINGTON-GENEVA DATELINE, BY
 LOUISA JAN, "TAIWAN SHOULD START LOBBYING GATT'S
 ACTIVE MEMBERS," JULY 23, COMMERCIAL TIMES, JULY 23:

DOUG NEWKIRK, ASSISTANT U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
 FOR GATT AFFAIRS, SAID THAT U.S. PRESIDENT GEORGE
 BUSH'S FIRM SUPPORT FOR TAIWAN'S GATT ADMISSION WILL
 CONTRIBUTE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GATT WORKING
 GROUP TO HANDLE TAIWAN'S CASE. WITH SUCH AN
 ESTABLISHMENT, TAIWAN'S ADMISSION INTO GATT WILL BE
 WITHIN REACH, HE SAID. -

NEWKIRK, WHO IS IN GENEVA, WAS INFORMED OF BUSH'S
 ANNOUNCEMENT BY THIS REPORTER OVER THE WEEKEND.

THE DRAFTER OF THE USTR DOCUMENT RECOMMENDING THAT
 BUSH GIVE FIRM SUPPORT TO TAIWAN SAID THAT HE FEELS
 VERY HAPPY ABOUT BUSH'S DECISION. HE CONSIDERS
 BUSH'S ANNOUNCEMENT A "VERY FIRM AND COMPLETELY NEW
 POSITION." QUOTING BUSH'S WORDS THAT "THE UNITED
 STATES WILL BEGIN TO ACTIVELY START WORKING WITH
 OTHER MEMBER STATES," NEWKIRK SAID IT IS THIS LINE
 THAT PROVIDES THE "MOST IMPORTANT" MESSAGE.

HE SAID IT WILL BE HIS JOB TO COORDINATE WITH OTHER
 GATT MEMBERS ON TAIWAN'S APPLICATION. HE SAID HE

HAS TO CONSULT WITH HIS SUPERIOR -- U.S. TRADE
 REPRESENTATIVE CARLA HILLS -- TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY
 BEFORE GOING ANY FURTHER.

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IN THE FOLLOWING INTERVIEW, NEWKIRK SAID THE FIRST
 OF THE MAJOR BARRIERS FOR TAIWAN TO OVERCOME IS THE
 ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP WITHIN GATT.

Q: WHAT IS YOUR COMMENT ON BUSH'S SUPPORT FOR
 TAIWAN'S GATT APPLICATION?

A: VERY POSITIVE.

Q: SINCE YOU ARE THE ONE WHO DRAFTED THE USTR
 PROPOSALS, CAN YOU SAY WHETHER BUSH FULLY ACCEPTED
 YOUR DRAFT?

A: MOST OF IT, BUT NOT ALL.

Q: THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION APPARENTLY INTENDS TO
 ENCOURAGE THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS FIRST TO PURSUE
 TRADE REFORMS BEFORE BEIJING'S APPLICATION TO GATT
 CAN BE BROUGHT UP AGAIN. IS THIS CORRECT?

A: YES. APPARENTLY, BEIJING HOPES THE SAME.
 RIGHT NOW, THEY HAVE A LARGE DELEGATION OF ABOUT 10
 MEMBERS HERE IN GENEVA. THEY ARE HERE TO PUSH THEIR
 APPLICATION FOR GATT.

Q: LET'S GO BACK TO BUSH'S LETTER SUPPORTING
 TAIWAN. SOME OF THE PHRASES IN IT CONTAIN WHAT I

BELIEVE TO BE THE FIRST-EVER USE BY THE
 ADMINISTRATION OF SUCH LANGUAGE AS "FIRM POSITION,"
 "SOON BEGIN TO ACTIVELY START WORKING WITH OTHER
 MEMBERS," ETC. DO YOU AGREE WITH ME?

A: NOT ONLY ARE SUCH EXPRESSIONS BEING USED FOR
 THE FIRST TIME, THEY ALSO MARK A VERY FIRM AND
 COMPLETELY NEW POSITION. ESPECIALLY THE LINE ABOUT
 "SOON BEGIN TO START WORKING..." CARRIES THE MOST
 SIGNIFICANT MEANING.

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THIS IDEA? HOW MANY MEMBERS ARE THERE IN THE COUNCIL?

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Q: DOES THIS MEAN THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL TAKE THE LEAD?

A: YES, YOU MIGHT PUT IT THAT WAY.

Q: AFTER THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, DO YOU THINK THAT THE NEXT STEP BY THE U.S. WILL BE TO HELP ESTABLISH A GATT WORKING GROUP? AND IS THERE A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE TAIWAN CAN BE ADMITTED INTO THE ORGANIZATION?

A: NOT NECESSARILY. AFTER THE WORKING GROUP IS ESTABLISHED, OTHER STEPS WILL BE EASIER FOR TAIWAN, AND IT WON'T BE FAR OUT OF TAIWAN'S REACH TO BECOME A MEMBER.

Q: I UNDERSTAND THAT A MAJOR IMPEDIMENT TO TAIWAN'S GATT APPLICATION HAS BEEN THE DIFFICULTY OF FORMING SUCH A WORKING GROUP. BUT AREN'T TWO-THIRDS OF THE VOTES REQUIRED FOR TAIWAN'S ADMISSION?

A: THE FORMATION OF SUCH A WORKING GROUP HAS BEEN AN OBSTACLE TO TAIWAN'S GATT BID. IF THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER MAJOR COUNTRIES CAN REACH A CONSENSUS ON ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP, IT WILL BE MUCH EASIER TO MOVE ON TO SUBSEQUENT STEPS.

Q: AS I UNDERSTAND IT, SOME ONE HAS TO PROPOSE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A WORKING GROUP AT THE GATT COUNCIL MEETING. WILL THE UNITED STATES PRESENT

A: I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THE U.S. WILL ACT TO PRESENT THIS IDEA. I DO THINK THAT WE NEED TO MAP OUT A STRATEGY BEFORE TAKING ACTION.

THE COUNCIL MEETS EVERY MONTH, BUT NOT ALL 104 GATT MEMBERS ARE COUNCIL MEMBERS. COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE THOSE ACTIVE MEMBER COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE FULL-TIME REPRESENTATIVES IN GENEVA, INCLUDING SOME COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD WORLD.

Q: WILL THE WORKING GROUP BE ESTABLISHED ONLY AFTER AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED AMONG THE 60 ACTIVE MEMBERS?

A: THEY ONLY HAVE TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP ON TAIWAN'S BEHALF.

Q: IT SEEMS THAT TAIWAN MUST ACTIVELY LOBBY THE 60-SOME REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GATT COUNCIL MEMBERS. WHAT IS YOUR VIEW ABOUT THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT SO FAR?

A: I AM VERY PLEASED, AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING THIS NEW ASSIGNMENT STARTING NEXT MONDAY. (FULL) (KC)

6. LOCAL SCHOLARS COMMENT ON BUSH'S SUPPORT FOR TAIWAN'S GATT BID

- UNITED DAILY NEWS, BY CHEN I-HSIN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AT GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN STUDIES, TAIWAN UNIVERSITY, "BUSH GUARANTEES SUPPORT FOR

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