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TAIWAN'S GATT APPLICATION  
(on an if asked basis)

Q: What is your reaction to Taiwan's GATT application?

A: --WE HAVE JUST HEARD ABOUT THE APPLICATION, AND HAVE NOT YET HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY IT CAREFULLY.

--AFTER DOING SO, I EXPECT WE AND THE OTHER GATT CONTRACTING PARTIES WILL CONSULT CLOSELY AS TO THE NEXT STEPS IN THE PROCESS. ANY ACTION REGARDING GATT MEMBERSHIP, BY GATT RULES, MUST BE BASED ON A COLLECTIVE DECISION.

--GIVEN TAIWAN'S IMPORTANCE IN THE GLOBAL TRADING SYSTEM, WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE EVENTUAL INCLUSION OF TAIWAN, ON APPROPRIATE TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP, IN THE GATT.

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