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- European Federation of Taiwanese Associations
- Taiwanese Association of Japan

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500
USA

Dear Mr. President:

We would like to report to you a case of gross violation of human rights in Taiwan. A journalist, Mr. Cheng Nan-jung, Editor-in-Chief of Freedom Era Magazine in Taiwan has been charged of sedition in connection with the publication in the magazine of a draft for a new constitution which was written by Dr. Hsu Sekai, a political science professor currently teaching in Japan.

Freedom of expression is a basic human right guaranteed by all civilized countries in the world and by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Publishing a draft for a new constitution authored by a political scientist is simply an act of exercising the freedom.

We thought this case would be of interest to you for the Taiwan Relations Act, a public law of the United States, states that "the preservation and enhancement of the human rights of all the people on Taiwan are... objectives of the United States." We respectfully urge you to take appropriate measures in your power to preserve the human rights of the people on Taiwan.

Thank you and God bless you and America.

Sincerely yours,

Shane Lee, Ph.D.
President

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 23, 1989

Dr. Shane Lee
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Dear Dr. Lee:

President Bush has asked me to reply to your letter of March 11 concerning Mr. Cheng Nan-jung, a Taiwan editor who has been charged with sedition for publishing a draft constitution for the "Republic of Taiwan."

I want to assure you that the American Institute in Taiwan, which represents the American people's interests on Taiwan, has paid close attention to the case being brought against Mr. Cheng.

As you know, U.S. Government policy toward China is based on the principle that there is but one China. The U.S. Government has made it clear that it has no intention of pursuing a policy of "two Chinas" or "one China, one Taiwan". However, Americans and the US Government also support the right of free speech, without regard to the political content of the views expressed. Both these points apply to this case.

Mr. Cheng's case is now proceeding under the judicial system on Taiwan. We believe it is important that his case be dealt with fairly and with due process.

We have made these views known to the authorities on Taiwan through the American Institute in Taiwan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David G. Brown".

David G. Brown
Taiwan Coordination Adviser