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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: DR. STEPHEN S. CHEN

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The President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D. C., 20500

My Dear Mr. President:

Congratulations on your Inauguration as the President of the United States. I have been impressed by your leadership as illustrated by your inspiring inauguration speech, your approach to the Congress and your excellent choice of cabinet members.

I have learned that you will visit China soon. I applaud your diplomatic initiative and your desire to promote peace and prosperity in the world. However, as a Taiwanese-American, I am deeply concerned about what you will say and do in China, regarding the so called Taiwan issue. I request that you and Mr. Deng Xiao Peng will reach an agreement which promises that the future of Taiwan will be determined by peaceful means.

Mr. President, you said that you wish to characterize your administration as a kinder and gentler one. I hope this extends to the 20 million people in Taiwan who love peace, are longing for true representative democracy, and, above all, detest Communism. Mr. President, please help the people of Taiwan.

I wish you a wonderful and productive trip.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen S. Chen

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March 27, 1989

Dr. Stephen S. Chen
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Dear Dr. Chen:

The President has asked me to respond to your letter of February 12 on the future of Taiwan.

I want to assure you that the United States intends to remain firm to our commitments under the Taiwan Relations Act. You may have heard that, during his confirmation hearings in January, Secretary Baker said: "...I would like to make it clear for the record that we intend to remain a reliable friend of Taiwan." Our consistent position, which is known to all, is that the future of Taiwan should be resolved by the Chinese people on both sides of the Taiwan Strait in a peaceful manner, free of outside interference.

Thank you for writing to the President on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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

David G. Brown
Taiwan Coordination Adviser