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APPLICATION OF TAIWAN TO BECOME A MEMBER  
OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND  
TRADE (GATT)

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Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

*For Clure*

June 13, 1991

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

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to urge you to support the application of Taiwan to become a member of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

On January 1, 1990, Taiwan formally applied for GATT membership under the name "The Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu." By applying as a separate customs territory possessing full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations, Taiwan is seeking to avoid controversy over the question of its political sovereignty. Moreover, Taiwan proposes to accede to the GATT as a developed country, an action which would set a highly visible and desirable precedent for other newly industrializing countries. To date, no action has been taken on Taiwan's application.

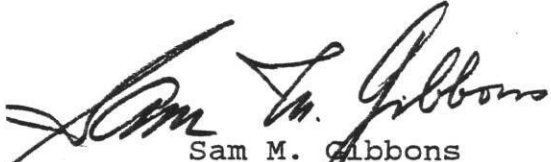
We believe Taiwan merits support for its GATT application for a number of reasons. Among the most important are the following: Taiwan is a rapidly industrializing country that is a major player in international trade. Taiwan has liberalized its trade regime unilaterally in recent years and has been a willing participant in the Uruguay Round of trade negotiations, which is one of your Administration's top trade policy priorities. Although political factors do not enter in explicitly to GATT membership questions, it is nonetheless significant that Taiwan has moved in recent years toward an increasingly democratic political system.


We are aware that the People's Republic of China objects to Taiwan's accession to the GATT. However, we do not believe that a non-GATT member, whose own policies are the subject of such great controversy, should be in a position to influence a matter such as this. We believe that the accession of a major trading nation to the GATT and its adoption of GATT disciplines would be in the best interests of both the United States and the world trading system.

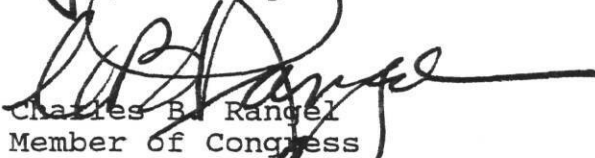
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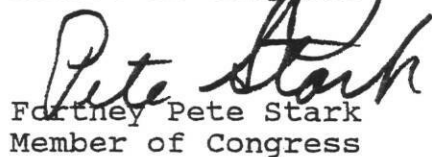
We strongly urge you to support Taiwan's membership in the GATT. Thank you for your consideration of our views.

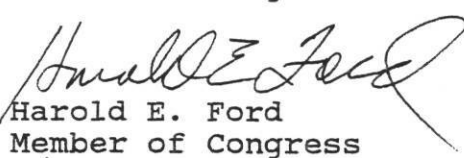
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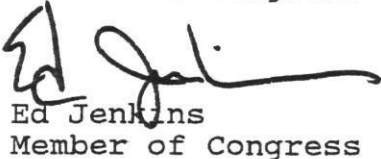
  
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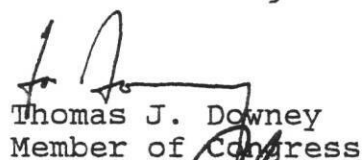
  
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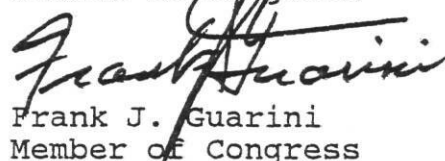
  
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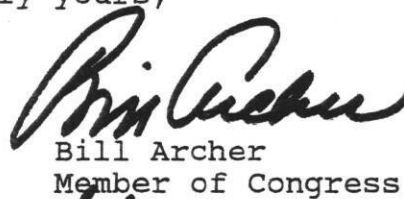
  
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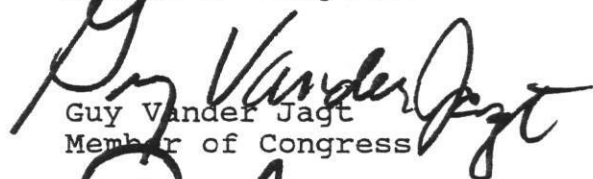
  
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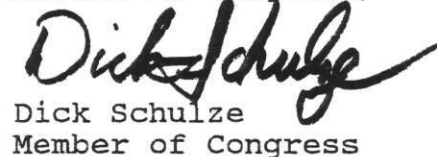
  
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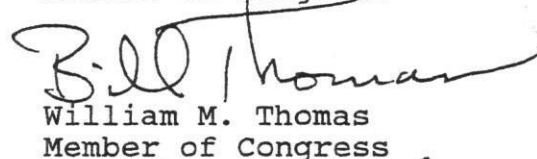
  
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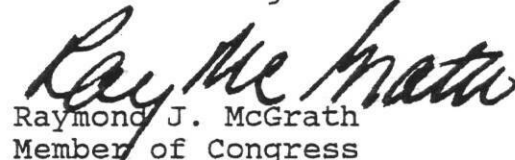
  
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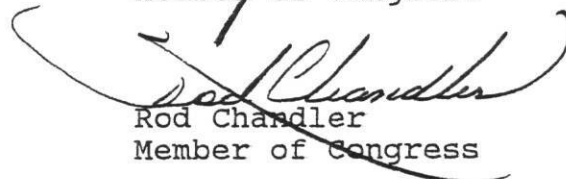
  
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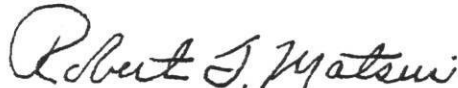
  
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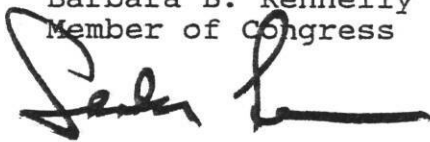
  
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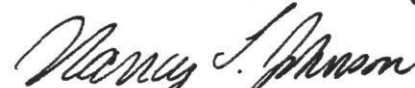
  
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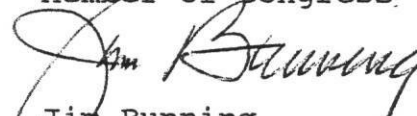
  
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