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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JOHN CHEN

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT IN TAIWAN
ABOLISH ITS BLACKLIST POLICY AND RELEASE
ALL OPPOSITION LEADERS AND POLITICAL
PRISONERS

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The Honorable George H.W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

February 8, 1992

Dear Mr. President:

In preparation for last December's elections in Taiwan, Taiwan's Kuomintang (KMT) government cracked down on advocates of democracy and self-determination in Taiwan.

Four leaders of the Taiwan Independence movement, George T. Chang, Kang-lu Wang, Pei-Hung Kuo and Ying-Yuang Lee, all in exile in the United States, attempted to return to Taiwan, but were arrested by authorities. They, along with opposition leaders Chiang Kai-She, Su Lung-Chun, Chou Wu-Chien and Liu Yung-Sheng are being held on charges of "sedition" for advocating Taiwan's independence.

The KMT government has blacklisted many supporters of human rights and democracy. This policy bars native Taiwanese from returning to their homeland. According to the State Department, in the first eight months of 1990, over 5,000 people, from respected scholars to Taiwanese attempting to visit relatives and friends, were denied entry into Taiwan on "security" grounds.

This unjust and intolerable policy of blacklisting must end. It is in direct violation of international agreements such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, of which the KMT was a signatory. More importantly, it violates all moral and humanitarian standards.

I feel it is imperative that a stronger stand be taken at this time. I urge you to request that the government in Taiwan abolish its blacklist policy and release all opposition leaders and political prisoners. Only then can democracy, which is based on the inclusion rather than exclusion of competing views, be truly possible in Taiwan.

The Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA) is a Washington-based non-profit organization that promotes freedom, human rights and democracy for the people of Taiwan.

Sincerely,

John Chen
President of FAPA

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 21, 1992

Dear Mr. Chen,

On behalf of President Bush, I would like to thank you for your letter requesting that the government in Taiwan abolish the blacklist policy and release all opposition leaders and political prisoners. Please accept my apologies for the delay in its reply. Rest assured that your comments have been shared with the appropriate individuals and have been given the greatest review and consideration.

Again let me thank you on behalf of the President for sharing your thoughts with us on this important issue.

Sincerely,



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