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The Honorable David M. ^XKennedy
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Dear David:

Pardon my long delay in answering your good letter of June 21. Life has been too darned hectic, and I have been on the road an awful lot.

Please thank Bill ^XMorell for his offer to Don ^XGregg about a meeting with an official from Taiwan in order to exchange views.

As you may know, I did have a chance to visit informally with several distinguished friends from Taiwan. This was last fall when Jim Lilley was about to head off for his important new assignment.

I will keep in mind your very generous offer. Right now is probably not the best time. Not only is my own schedule a little full, but a meeting of this nature would have to be cleared with State and NSC, just as would any meeting I have with foreign officials. I just do not want to appear to our new Secretary or to Bill Clark at NSC that I am pushing myself into a posture of holding meetings that could complicate the active diplomatic work they are now involved in.

You mention leaks -- what a town this has become. Much worse on the leak front than when you were running Treasury.

It was great seeing you. If I find that a meeting such as you suggest will be helpful, I will surely take you up on the offer.

I have seen some attacks on the President because of his China policy. Frankly, these attacks burn me up. The President will keep his commitments; I am sure of that.

Great seeing you. Again my thanks.

Sincerely,

George Bush

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