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Mr. Donald R. Steenburgh
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Dear Mr. Steenburgh:

This is in response to your letter concerning the planned visit of members of the Friendship Force to Taiwan. The program your organization sponsors is the kind of people-to-people exchange that forms the basis of the unofficial relations between the people of the United States and the people of Taiwan.

As the President stated on August 17, 1982, with regard to the people of Taiwan: "My longstanding personal friendship and deep concern for their well-being is steadfast and unchanged. I am committed to maintaining the full range of contacts between the people of the United States and the people of Taiwan....Such contacts will continue to grow and prosper and will be conducted with the dignity and honor befitting old friends." To this end, the Administration has continued to pursue mutually beneficial commercial, cultural and other relations with the people of Taiwan.

Since we switched our recognition from Taipei to Beijing on January 1, 1979, there are no governmental relations between the United States and Taiwan. Unofficial people-to-people ties are promoted by the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), which has offices in Washington and Taiwan. For further information, you may want to contact Mr. David Dean, Managing Director, or Mr. James Lilley, Director of

the Taipei office. Mr. Dean is located at American Institute in Taiwan, 17th Floor, 1700 North Moore Street, Arlington, Virginia 22209, phone (703) 525-8474. Mr. Lilley can be reached in Taipei at AIT, 7, Lane 134, Hsin Yi Road, Section 3, Taipei, Taiwan, phone 780-4150.

Best wishes for the success of your programs,

Sincerely,

SIGNED

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