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HU Jianto Meeting

(First meeting with senior US defense official)
(Hu being groomed as Jiang's successor)
(Objective: Convince of DOD good will re China,
Need for restraint, dialogue with Taiwan
USG/DOD commitment to good relations with China)

Topics to cover:

US role in Pacific
Overall US-China relations
Taiwan

Be ready on:

NMD
Taiwan arms sales

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"US hegemony"

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big picture
poss msg on TW - support, dialogue, consequence
limited m. to m.
1st high level meet of US senior official

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Detailed Points

Intro --

Pleased to have opportunity to meet with you
Want visit to confirm and expand security dialogue,
Part of major commitment by Administration to leaving a legacy of
solid US-China relations

Overall view of US Pacific role, US-China relations:

US has vital interests in security/stability/prosperity of Asia-Pacific
region
US strongly committed long-term to fostering security/stability in Asia-
Pacific region b/c essential to our interests
Key elements of our policy -- active engagement, security coop with
allies, forward military presence, open markets/economic
opportunity, build multilateral institutions
AND solid relationship with China --

China policy generally

US-China relations of enormous importance to both nations and to
region
US wants a successful, strong China, as peaceful and constructive
partner in region and the world
US and China need a constructive relationship as basis for
security/development in Asia-Pacific region

Policy of engagement has opponents in US who would favor
containment or even hostility
-- but engagement is broadly supported in both parties and in
both exec and legis branches.
Demonstrated by political capital expended for PNTR.
WSC: "If we treat China as an enemy, then it will become an
enemy." Many in US recognize this, and have worked
hard to treat China as important partner, not enemy.
Equally important that Chinese side avoid rhetoric and charges that
falsely attribute hostile motives to US
Of course, we have differences, some very important (human rights,
proliferation, Taiwan), but need to resolve through dialogue, not
threats/confrontation

Taiwan

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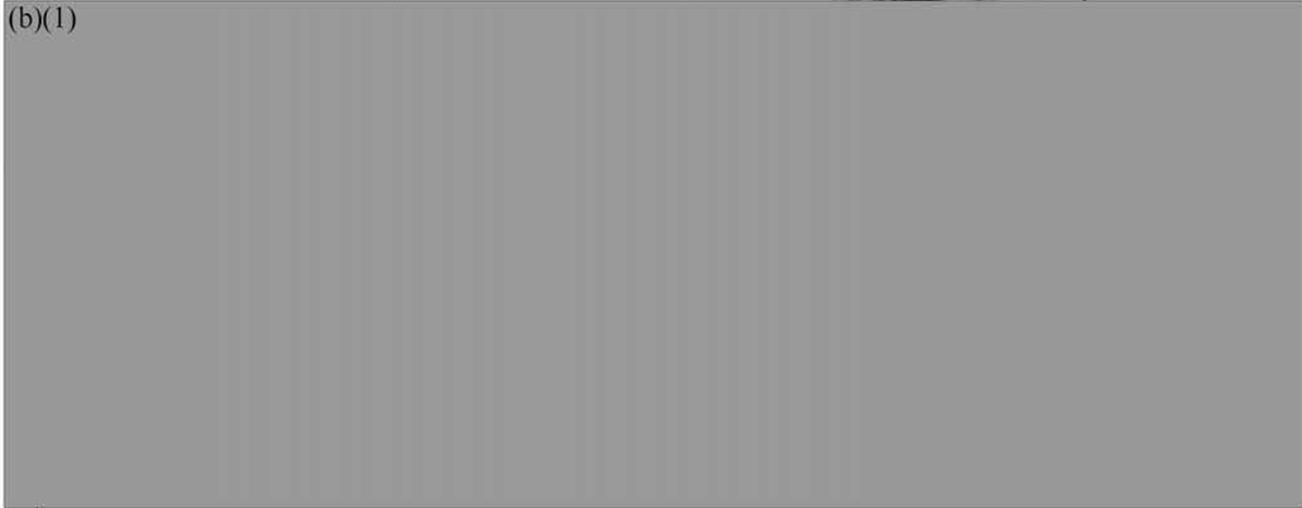
Recognize difficulty and sensitivity of issue -- but cannot let it
overshadow all others -- or no context for relationship

Basic US policy re T --

One China policy/ 3 communiqués, support for dialogue,
unofficial rel with T consistent with TRA

Premise is that any resolution must be peaceful

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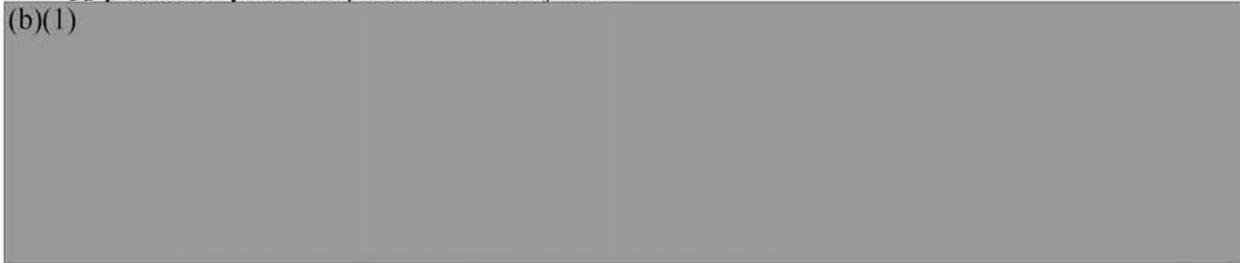
US has no pre-conceived position on outcome

Will accept any peaceful outcome, as arrived at between
parties without coercion

Would be fundamental error to militarize the issue

A political problem, not a military one

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REPLY POINTS

NMD

Threat of missile/ WMD attack is real

Neither test failure nor Korea summit change basic problem or need
for solution

Strong support in US for limited defense

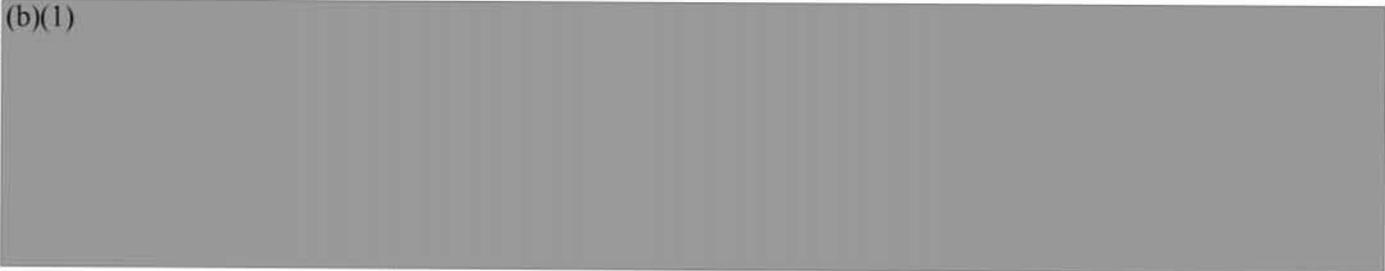
Not aimed at China (or Russia)

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US wants to maintain ABMT, cooperate with Russia
President will decide on basis of threat, technology, costs, international relations

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"US Hegemonism"

Claim grossly misunderstands US policy
US will protect interests,
But recognizes we need to cooperate with others
We seek to build and support international fora, esp in AP region

Taiwan arms sales:

US sales are consistent with 3 communiques and TRA
US is committed to supply T with sufficient self-defense capability
TMD not ruled out, no decision -- inevitably decisions will be affected
by PRC deployments that threaten T
Our arms sales based on situation in region, urge dialogue to ease tensions, resolve problems]

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