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Meeting with Premier Zhu Rongji
Thursday, July 13

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U.S. Attendees: 10

Chinese Attendees: TBD

Background:

Premier Zhu is the driving force behind China's economic reforms and restructuring and ranks number three in the Chinese political structure. He does not have a direct role in management of China's military affairs, but the economic reforms have a major impact on the defense industrial complex. He is the former Mayor and Party Secretary of Shanghai where you will be visiting after Beijing.

Objectives:

- Provide U.S. perspective on serving globally and in Asia, including focus on Taiwan, missile defense, proliferation, Korea, and range of other international security issues
- Counter China's misperceptions about U.S. strategy and intent internationally
- Accentuate importance of constructive and sustained mil-mil relationship to build confidence and avoid miscalculation

Key Themes:

- Importance of mil-mil relations as key component of bilateral relationship: promotion of dialogue and mutual understanding
- Restraint on Taiwan, peaceful resolution, and no use of force
- Importance of US approval of PNTR and China/Taiwan entry into WTO
- Incessant negative rhetoric against U.S. in Chinese official media not helpful to constructive relations between the two sides
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