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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Taiwan Disturbance

1. In 1954, I wrote a memo on FORMOSA: ITS RELATIONSHIP TO FREE ASIA. In this memo, I enumerated certain derogatory incidents of Chiang Ching-kuo and concluded it with a sense of security concern.

2. This memo was shown to OCI. It was read, discussed, and treated as an ordinary item, although a little later OCI informed the Director, on the basis of this memo, that there existed some probability of internal subversion in Taiwan. 25X1A2dD

3. During the summer of 1955, Ambassador Rankin paid a visit to ONE. In the course of the question and answer period of the debriefing, I asked the Ambassador why, if Ching-kuo was such an anti-Communist as the Ambassador believed, the Communist Peking radio did not condemn him as they (Communist) condemned the Gimo. I told Ambassador Rankin that Peking Communist regime had condemned and abused the Gimo, but they had not uttered a word against Ching-kuo, since the Chinese Nationalists had moved to Taiwan.

4. About two weeks after Rankin's return to Taiwan, the Peking radio, out of the clear sky, uttered a few words of seemingly unfriendly remarks against Ching-kuo twice. Since then, and to this day, nothing more from Peking about Ching-kuo!

5. The Chinat anti-American demonstration on 24 May 1957 was the second anti-American demonstration in Taiwan in less than two years. The first such demonstration, which took place during the winter of 1955, was carried out according to plans carefully laid out by Chiang Ching-kuo. According to all available evidence pertaining to the second anti-American demonstration, there seems to be no doubt that Chiang Ching-kuo played the deciding role again.

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I phoned [REDACTED] in the Director's office, and called his attention to my 1954 memo. [REDACTED] remembered it well. 25X1A9a
OCI now seems to recognize that my suspicion of Ching-kuo was justified.

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