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SUBJECT COMMENTS [] ON THE RETURN OF AMERICAN
POWS, PROBLEMS IN THE UNITED STATES, AND TAIWAN.

1. []

[] WAS VERY CONCILIATORY IN

DISCUSSING THE VIETNAM SITUATION AND PROBLEMS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES.

[] SAID IT WAS "A GOOD THING" THAT AMERICAN PRISONERS
OF WAR WERE FULL OF PRIDE AND PATRIOTISM IN RETURNING FROM VIETNAM.

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[REDACTED] SAID THAT THE WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY IN THE UNITED

STATES CONCERNING THE RETURNING PRISONERS WAS DESIGNED BY WASHINGTON TO REVIVE PATRIOTISM IN THE UNITED STATES, THAT SUCH A MOVE AMONG AMERICANS WAS "A GOOD THING."

2. TURNING TO THE QUESTION OF RACIAL PROBLEMS IN THE U.S., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAID HE HOPED THAT BLACKS AND WHITES WOULD WORK TOGETHER TO STRENGTHEN THEIR NATION. HE ADDED THAT HE WAS APPALLED BY THE "WASTEFULNESS" OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY, BUT HE SAID HE HOPED THE UNITED STATES WOULD SOLVE ITS PROBLEMS WITH INFLATION AND WEATHER THE INTERNATIONAL MONEY CRISIS.

3. IN DISCUSSING THE STRIDES MADE IN SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAID THE PRESENT SITUATION LEFT THE CHINESE NATIONALISTS ON TAIWAN WITH TWO ALTERNATIVES: (A) RELATIONS WITH THE "SOVIET REVISIONISTS" OR (B) AN ACCOMODATION WITH THOSE WHO ADVOCATE INDEPENDENCE FOR TAIWAN. [REDACTED]

SAID BOTH ALTERNATIVES SHOULD BE UNPALATABLE FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE CHINESE ON TAIWAN. HE STATED THAT THE ONLY SOLUTION WOULD BE FOR THE CHINESE NATIONALIST LEADERS TO ENTER INTO PRIVATE OR PUBLIC NEGOTIATIONS WITH PEKING, REGARDING RUMORS ABOUT CHINESE NATIONALIST PREMIER C H I A N G

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CHING-KUO SECRETLY VISITING PEKING.

THAT NO SUCH

VISIT HAD TAKEN PLACE BUT THAT A VISIT TO PEKING BY PREMIER CHIANG
WOULD BE THE "BEST SOLUTION" TO THE TAIWAN PROBLEM.

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