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MEMO FOR: HENRY A. KISSINGER
FROM: WINSTON LORD
SUBJECT: Your meeting this evening

Attached are talking points on everything except South Asia. I am working on this to make it more precise and detailed, per your instructions, and will have it to you shortly.

Also enclosed are some background materials that might prove useful.

Attachments

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Talking Points

Opening

-- Welcome to the United States. Please let me know if there's anything we can do to make your stay and that of your delegation more pleasant.

-- We suggested to your government through our usual channel that we establish direct contact with you for U.N. matters, especially since rapid communication may be required.

-- As you know, and our message notes, our governments have agreed that:

- . you and I should be the channel for "relevant major questions of principle within the scope of the work of the United Nations"
- . this need not involve commitments
- . secrecy will be maintained on both sides
- . the other channel will remain the primary one between our two governments.

-- On our side, only the President, the three of us here tonight, my deputy, General Haig, and Commander Howe of my staff will be aware of this channel.

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-- I will work directly with Ambassador Bush. The bureaucracy will not be involved.

-- We may be able to arrange more commodious surroundings for our meetings in the future.

-- We will want to work out tonight arrangements for future contacts by telephone and to transmit messages.

Chinese Performance at the U.N.

-- We don't expect the PRC to abandon its stands, and we recognize your needs to make your positions clear.

-- However, it is absolutely essential that both sides show restraint in their public statements between now and the President's trip.

-- This is in our mutual interest. As I explained to the Prime Minister, many domestic and international opponents are looking for pretexts to attack the new policy.

-- Thus we would hope that the PRC's statements at the United Nations would be drafted with these considerations in mind.

-- The November 15 inaugural address of the PRC delegation is a case in point. Close readers of Chinese public statements might consider that speech to be relatively restrained. To Americans' ears, however, and as the opening statement in New York at the U.N., the rhetoric looked excessive and the U.S. seemed to be almost the sole villain in the world.

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-- Such events give the President's opponents symbols to rally around. His critics have gleefully used the PRC indictment of the U.S. to undercut support for the President's policy.

-- We were therefore obliged to comment, though we kept it out of the White House and greatly diluted what the bureaucracy proposed.

-- Each country, while sticking to its principles, will have to keep in mind the problems of the other. We shall do so, at the U.N. and in other public statements.

-- I make these points with the candor which has marked my conversations with your side since the outset.

South Asia

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UN Secretary General

-- U Thant's term ends January 1, so this issue is becoming urgent. It is now clear that his resignation is irrevocable.

-- This issue is one example where the Chinese picture of super-power or big power dominance is inaccurate. The permanent members of the Security Council have been reluctant to support publicly a candidate precisely because they fear this would be the kiss of death.

-- We have not finally committed ourselves, partly for this reason. We also would like to know your views and believe that the new man should be acceptable to you, as it should be for us and the broad spectrum of the U. N.

-- The only explicit position we have taken is to say that we could not support Mr. Herrera of Chile.

-- We would welcome any views from your government. I believe we should keep in touch on this question.

(-- FYI: Max Jacobson has been claiming Chinese support. We have no reliable confirmation of this fact. Other contenders include Waldheim of Austria, Amerasinghe of Ceylon, Makonnen of Ethiopia, and Sadruddin Aga Khan, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.)

END FYI.)

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Topic They Might Raise

Their Position: the U.S. government must stop the pro-Chiang Kai-shek and pro-Taiwan Independence demonstrations around the hotel.

Response

- The U.S. government, of course, is not involved in these demonstrations in any way. I have reconfirmed this since my October visit to Peking.
- Americans are permitted to express themselves freely as long as they are not disorderly.
- Officials will make sure that strict security is maintained. However, in our country, there is no way they can take action against demonstrators provided they are peaceful and do not violate existing regulations.
- The White House and the President have undergone many unpleasant demonstrations themselves.
- Let us know whenever you have any concerns on this issue, and we will be as helpful as possible.

FYI:

Background Information on Taiwan
Independence Movement Demonstrations

- Since the President's July 15 China announcement, there has been a significant increase in demonstrations and meetings by

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Taiwanese independence activists. This still leaves their level of activity at a fairly low level, however. Incomplete FBI reports have identified about 10 demonstrations by Taiwanese independence elements in that period.

- Independence activity is centered in the World United Formosans for Independence (WUFI), which was organized about two years ago and which has incorporated almost all of the earlier myriad splinter groups. WUFI now has a membership of about 2,000, largely located in the New York City area, and the large Midwestern universities having sizable numbers of Taiwanese students. WUFI has made some efforts to enlist some mainlander students in its ranks. Significantly, WUFI has also moderated its earlier line over the past year: it is now taking a more evolutionary approach, aiming at eventual independence but stating its immediate goals in terms of greater Taiwanese representation in the GRC.
- On Taiwan itself, one of the reactions of the Nationalists' government to their growing isolation has been to make noises about greater political representation for the native Taiwanese, without of course changing the basic rule of the KMT, its claim to represent all of China and its position that Taiwan is part of China. END FYI

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BACKGROUND MATERIAL

Tab A - Chinese Activities at the UN to Date

Tab B - Marshall Wright Scope Papers

Tab C - The PRC and UN-Related Organizations

Tab D - PRC Protest on Demonstrations Against PRC
Mission in New York

Note: I will also have the following material:

-- All exchanges with the PRC

-- Further background material on South Asia

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