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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20006

Mr. President:

We are a group of immigrants from Taiwan who have come to the United States during the past two decades and are residents in the San Francisco Bay Area. Accordingly, we still maintain close ties with Taiwan and are keenly aware of the desires and aspirations of the sixteen million inhabitants on the island. We would like to take this opportunity to call your attention to the genuine wishes of these people and express our opinion on the question of the status of Taiwan.

It is an historical fact that Taiwanese people have struggled to gain independence from outside rule for the last three hundred years. At present they still strive to achieve that goal. The Taiwanese people would like the United States government and her people to be aware of their aspirations and hope that the government and people of this country render moral support to their endeavors. They fear not the threat made by the leaders of the People's Republic of China to 'liberate' Taiwan. However, they are concerned by the possibility of the United States shirking from its moral responsibility in international affairs and trading away their basic human rights of self-determination for the sake of improving the Sino-American relations. Judging by the events that occurred during the last thirty years, their concerns are not completely unfounded. In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Cairo Declaration without first ascertaining the wishes of the people living in Taiwan. And, most recently, President Richard M. Nixon failed to challenge the claim made on Taiwan by the People's Republic of China in the Shianghai Communique of 1972.

Mr. President, we understand that the American ideals have been to assist people in developing countries to gain their basic human rights, and to promote justice, equality and peace for all mankind. We, therefore, urge you, Mr. President, to uphold

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the founding principles of this great nation. And, in your meeting with the leaders of the People's Republic of China later this year, do not compromise on the issue of Taiwan's status as a price for establishing the diplomatic relations between the United States and China. Finally, we respectfully request that you firmly insist on giving the sixteen million people in Taiwan the right to determine their own future. The Taiwanese people and generations to come shall remember you as the champion of human liberty.

Respectfully yours,

Taiwanese Alliance for Interculture, Inc.

xc: The honorable Thomas E. Morgan
Chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee

The Honorable John J. Sparkman
Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee

The Honorable Henry Kissinger
Secretary of State

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