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WASHINGTON

April 9, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK MARSH

THROUGH:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF

FROM:

BOB WOLTHUIS RKW

I got a second call this afternoon from Senator Helms regarding the appointment of Secretary Butz to head the U.S. delegation to the Chiang Kai shek funeral. He wanted to reiterate his firm conviction that someone higher on the protocol list than Secretary Butz be named to head the delegation. He has received a second phone call from Taipei from his Legislative Assistant who is presently in Taiwan.

He had a visit this morning also with the Rev. Billy Graham and Senator Helms states that Dr. Graham is very disturbed about the matter. Graham is supposedly going to call the President today to express his concern. Helms suggested that perhaps Secretary Schlesinger might go in lieu of Secretary Butz.

He expressed concern that his recommendation had not been acted on and asked that I again pass his views on through channels to the President.

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April 10, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JACK MARSH

You should be aware that considerable controversary is brewing over the leadership of the Chiang Kai shek funeral delegation.

In addition to communications from Senator Helms, Bob Griffin called me this afternoon and John Tower, both of whom were asking you to take a careful look at this matter because they were surprised how angered the Conservatives had become.



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April 10, 1975

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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford President of the United States The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Ford:

For many years, including the difficult times in World War II, the United States has had no stauncher ally than Chiang Kai-shek, President of the Republic of China.

Upon the passing of the last of the "big four allied leaders," it certainly would behoove us to pay our highest respects to his memory. Whereas we have the highest respect for the integrity of Secretary Butz, in view of the fact that Vice President Rockefeller so recently attended funeral services for King Faisal as your personal representative, it would seem that someone of at least the Vice President's stature should attend the funeral of President Chiang. If at all possible, we strongly urge you to personally attend the funeral, and if you cannot, send the highest level representative of the United States of America.

Sincerely yours,

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Honorable Gerald R. Ford April 10, 1975 Page 2

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Dear Phillips 702) 825-5000



NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

INFORMATION March 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM:

THOMAS J. BARNES

SUBJECT:

Indirect ROC Attempt to Purchase F-104's

You mentioned to Dick Solomon an inquiry about the ROC Military Attache' in London. He reportedly contacted the Israeli Ambassador there about buying surplus West German F-104's. Such an approach would not have been improbable. The ROC has established a pattern of arms dealing in Great Britain. The ROC might incorrectly see an advantage in dealing through third countries in the hope of circumventing some U.S. munitions control regulations. The West Germans are well aware, however, that the U.S. would have to licence the sale.

Although it has not cleared its stance throughout the bureaucracy, the East Asian Bureau of State would interpose no objection to the sale on the grounds that the F-104:

- -- Is a defensive aircraft with a primary mission of intercepting bombers;
 - -- Is not configured for attack;
- -- Can be modified for offensive tactics but is then unwieldy; (Marilyn Berger, on NBC March 11, pointed out that 177 of these planes had crashed in Germany, and that 86 German pilots had died in these crashes.)
 - -- Is being phased out of the NATO inventory.

The East Asian Bureau of State would be particularly delighted if the ROC were to choose some F-104's as an offset to some of the 80 F-5E's that the country team in Taipei claims the ROC is requesting, in addition to the 120 we have already authorized for sale to the ROC. Even though the arrangement would be commercial, the lead time on F-5E delivery would bring us well beyond the time when we may no longer have diplomatic relations with the ROC.

Clint Granger concurred in draft.

cc: Dick Solomon

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

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Jack

WASHINGTON

March 17, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RUSS ROURKE

FROM:

JACK MAREHOLD

I need to talk to you sometime today in reference to Dean Phillips. I have some special instructions on how to handle this in cooperation with the NSC.

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: Mr. Jack Marsh

Mr. Dean Phillips

DATE AND TIME: March 18, 1976

4:45 p.m. (By telephone)

M: Hi, Jack Marsh, how are you?

P: Fine, how are you?

M: Fine thanks. The reason I wanted to give you a call is in reference to this matter we have been talking about. In going over this thing I think the best way to deal with this from the standpoint of everyone concerned is to keep it in normal channels whereby this sort of thing is considered.

P. I would agree.

M: The normal way would be through the Department of State. I think we can let the Department handle it and focus on it as opposed to getting involved in any way with either the White House or NSC.

P: I would wholeheartedly agree.

M: What I want to do is advise somebody in the Department of State because actually, to speak very frank in reference to a mutual friend, he is not in a position where in this type of thing he could be much help.

P: I understand. As a matter of fact when he first called he mentioned this... that he would be in a very critical kind of position and if he were involved it would spell the kiss of death.

M: Yes, and consequently he has not done anything. The way to do it would be for me to try and get some information without making any representations and without trying to influence anyone. I know you understand; that is why I called. He will not be involved in it in any way. He understands that.

- P: That is the way he put it to me. If you point me towards the right door and if there is any way in which the President or anyone, say either you or someone you know, could announce there is going to be someone arriving to discuss this matter and you would see them that would be a plus for me.
- M: What I am going to do -- I am going to get a name from someone in the State Department, communicate it to you and you can get in touch with him. They are set up for this type of thing. It will have to be handled on the basis of its merits.
- P: Right. Private enterprise on the basis of complete competitiveness.
- M: I will get this for you.
- P. Right. Do me a favor, too, when you are talking with Jerry Ford tell him I had lunch with Bob List (?), our leading Republican in Nevada. Bob is a good friend of Jerry's. Bob expressed an interest he wanted to be called on anytime the President can use him in the campaign. He is supporting him 100%. There are some things Bob would be able to do that are beneficial.
- M: OK, will do. I am going to see the Boss tomorrow and I will tell him Bob List said to say hello.
- P: He will support him any time he feels he can do something for him.
- M: Thank you, Dean. It was good to talk to you. Look forward to seeing you.



NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

March 18, 1976

To - Bud McFarlane

As requested, attached is a proposed reply to Mr. Philips regarding the ROC's interest in West German F-104's.

Tom Barnes

Dear Mr. Philips:

Further to run concert trans 170rch 18, I suggest you discuss with the State Department the question of the interests of the Republic of China in buying surplus West German F-104's. You should contact Mr. Burton Levin, the State Department's Country Director for Republic of China affairs. Mr. Levin's phone number is (202) 632-2209, and the State Department address is Washington, D. C. 20520. Mr. Levin will be happy to discuss this subject with you.

Sincerely,

Brent Seowcroft

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Mr. Dean Philips



THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON



WASHINGTON

March 19, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM:

JACK MARS

SUBJECT:

Dean Phillip

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WASHINGTON

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JACK MARSH

FROM:

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Phillips

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JACK MARSH

Maden Chiang Kai-shek asked Mel Laird if he would see that the attached message from her was delivered personally to you.

I have given a copy to Brent Scowcroft to prepare an acknowledgment.



Chains

July 6, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM:

JACK MARSH

I would appreciate your preparing an acknowledgment to the attached telegram, per our discussion. The President has the original copy of the telegram.

Many thanks.

