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1. WILL BE SEEKING APPOINTMENT TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS
REFTEL AT PREMIER'S EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

2. INSTRUCTIONS APPEAR CLEAR AND COMPLETE BUT WOULD APPRECIATE
RESPONSE TO SEVERAL QUESTIONS IF AT ALL POSSIBLE PRIOR TO NOON
TAIPEI TIME MONDAY, MARCH 28. FIRST, HOW SHOULD I RESPOND IF QUERIED
ABOUT DURATION (ASSUMING FULL ROC COOPERATION) OF CONTINUAL
US COOPERATION ON PEACEFUL NUCLEAR ENERGY MATTERS INCLUDING, FOR
EXAMPLE, PROVISION OF NUCLEAR FUEL FOR POWER PLANTS, HAVING IN
MIND US INTENTIONS AS SET FORTH IN SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE? IN OTHER
WORDS, WOULD OUR COOPERATION CONTINUE FOLLOWING A BREAK IN DIPLO-
MATIC RELATIONS? I DO NOT EXPECT TO BE QUERIED IN ANY SUCH
DIRECT FASHION BUT WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE TO ENABLE ME TO
DEAL WITH QUESTION HOWEVER POSED. THIS IS A MATTER OBVIOUSLY
OF VITAL CONCERN TO THIS COUNTRY.

3. REGARDING TALKING POINTS 5 AND 6, PARA 4, REFTEL, WHAT
SHOULD I REPLY IF PREMIER ASKS ME TO FURTHER IDENTIFY THESE
"SERIOUS PROBLEMS" AND THE "AVAILABLE EVIDENCE"? I BELIEVE

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IT IMPORTANT, IF QUERIED, TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND WITH SOME
SPECIFICITY.

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4. WE ASSUME IT IS INTENDED THAT EXCHANGE OF NOTES WOULD
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