

APPENDIX

Statements During George W. Bush Administration.

President Bush on “Whatever It Takes.”

April 25, 2001

On ABC: *[If Taiwan were attacked by the PRC, the United States has an obligation to use] whatever it took to help Taiwan defend herself.*

On CNN: *Well, I think that the Chinese must hear that ours is an administration, like other administrations, that is willing to uphold the spirit of the... Taiwan Relations Act. And I'll do so. However, I think it's important for people to also note that mine is an administration that strongly supports the one China policy, that we expect any dispute to be resolved peacefully. And that's the message I really want people to hear. But as people have seen, that I'm willing to help Taiwan defend herself, and that nothing has really changed in policy, as far as I'm concerned. This is what other presidents have said, and I will continue to say so. ...I have said that I will do what it takes to help Taiwan defend herself, and the Chinese must understand that. Secondly, I certainly hope Taiwan adheres to the one China policy. And a declaration of independence is not the one China policy, and we will work with Taiwan to make sure that that doesn't happen. We need a peaceful resolution of this issue.*

PRC Vice Premier Qian Qichen's Invitation to the DPP.

January 24, 2002

The refusal to accept the principle of one China and recognize the "1992 consensus" by the leader of the Taiwan authorities is the crucial reason leading to a deadlock in cross-strait relations and also the root cause of instability of the situation and possible danger in the Taiwan Strait. ... We hold that political differences must not interfere with economic and trade exchanges between the two sides of the strait. ... We are willing to hear opinions from people in Taiwan on the establishment of a mechanism for economic cooperation and the promotion of economic relations between the two sides. ... The Democratic Progressive Party should think more about the welfare of the people in Taiwan, thoroughly discard its "Taiwan independence party platform," and develop cross-strait relations with a sincere attitude. We believe that the broad masses of the DPP are different from the minority of stubborn "Taiwan independence" elements. We welcome them to come, in appropriate capacities, to sightsee, visit, and increase their understanding.

Bush-Jiang Zemin Summit in Crawford.

October 25, 2002

Bush: On Taiwan, I emphasized to the President that our one China policy, based on the three communiqués and the Taiwan Relations Act, remains unchanged.

I stressed the need for dialogue between China and Taiwan that leads to a peaceful resolution of their differences. ... The one China policy means that the issue ought to be resolved peacefully. We've got influence with some in the region; we intend to make sure that the issue is resolved peacefully and that includes making it clear that we do not support independence.

Jiang: *We have had a frank exchange of views on the Taiwan question, which is of concern to the Chinese side. I have elaborated my government's basic policy of peaceful unification and one country, two systems, for the settlement of the Taiwan question. President Bush has reiterated his clear-cut position, that the US government abides by the one China policy.*

President Bush Opposes Change of Status Quo.

December 9, 2003

President Bush, standing at the White House with the PRC premier Wen Jiabao, said *"We oppose any unilateral decision by either China or Taiwan to change the status quo. And the comments and actions made by the leader of Taiwan indicate that he may be willing to make decisions unilaterally to change the status quo, which we oppose."*

US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on 'Taiwan UN Referendum Bid'

December 21, 2007

Rice said at a press conference in the State Department:

"As we have stated in recent months, we think that Taiwan's referendum to apply to the United Nations under the name Taiwan is a provocative policy."

"It unnecessarily raises tensions in the Taiwan Strait, and it promises no real benefits for the people of Taiwan on the international stage. That is why we oppose this referendum."

"We have a one-China policy and we do not support independence for Taiwan."