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Billings is adamant and eloquent in advocating the position that (1) the whole ROC nuclear program, as well as the Nuclear Science Institute near Chung Shan (which includes the 40 MW Canadian reactor), are absolutely open and non-military in intent; and (2) there should be high-level consultations between US and ROC science officials to explore whether the proposed reprocessing plant is economically and technically reasonable or unreasonable.

Billings believes that Chen Ji Pun (phonetic spelling), Director of the Nuclear Science Institute (and a one-time staffer at Argonne), should be invited to the US, perhaps in the company of Victor Cheng, for VIP treatment in the interest of bringing the ROC into line with our thinking on such matters as fuel cycles, etc.

Billings expects to be in Washington approximately every six weeks during the coming months. The next visit may not, however, be until early April unless State wishes for him to make a special trip at an earlier date. I said we would be in touch if the earlier visit seems necessary.

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