



STATE OF OREGON

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Governor/Denny Miles

DATE: October 17, 1985

FROM: Gerry Thompson *Gerry*

SUBJECT: Taiwan/Oregon Sister State Agreement

My last conversation with Mr. Yu was the afternoon of October 16 at which time he informed me the decision on the new sister state proclamation would not be available in time for this trip to Taiwan. Mr. Yu has cabled and sent by mail the proclamation wording to his "home office" and has also sent the old version. He has faithfully badgered the "home office" for a decision for us. However, his home office tells him because they have 20 visiting delegations in Taiwan for Retrocession, staff that would normally work on the agreement are too busy making the necessary arrangements for the visiting delegations. No resolution can be reached prior to our Governor's visit.

I reminded Mr. Yu that this could very well be the Governor's last trip to Taiwan and we did not want to see the opportunity for an agreement slip away.

Mr. Yu in very apologetic terms guarantees they will continue to work toward resolution and he suggested that the Governor discuss the sister state proclamation with the following individuals while in Taiwan.

Chieu Chuang Haun (Mr. Chieu), Governor of Taiwan

Y. J. Kao, Speaker of the Provincial Government

John Chang, Minister of Foreign Affairs

I have attached in a folder the original of the Proclamation as well as three copies for Denny Miles to carry with him in the event something should break loose.

DENNY: DON'T LOSE THE ORIGINAL. I have retained one copy in our office in the event we need to reconstruct wording at some point.

Mr. Yu and I agreed to keep continual contact until such time as his home office has given him a decision.



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SISTER STATE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Taiwan has been a long time trusted friend and important trading partner with the State of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the commercial, cultural and other non-governmental relations between the people of Taiwan and the people of Oregon are now and have always been excellent and mutually beneficial; and

WHEREAS, the guiding principles of leadership in Taiwan of nationalism, democracy and social well-being are much admired by Oregonians; and

WHEREAS, the island of Taiwan is a beautiful land, sweetened with warm and friendly people very much like the Great State of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the freedom and industry of Taiwan has enriched the lives of the people of Taiwan to the joy of Oregonians; and

WHEREAS, it is the strongest desire of the Governor of Oregon to both recognize the leaders and people of Taiwan and to bring us even closer together; now, therefore

BE IT KNOWN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Oregon, that the Province of Taiwan is hereby adopted as a sister, binding us in a filial relationship to bring us even closer together; and

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN, it is the sincere wish of the Governor of Oregon that the Province of Taiwan will likewise adopt the State of Oregon in Sister relationship officially cementing a long standing and mutually respectful association; and

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN, that I have caused copies of this proclamation to be forwarded to the President of the United States of America; to the President of the United States Senate; to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States; to the Chief Executive Officer of the