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CHIANG CHING-KUO'S VIEW THAT THE GRC SHOULD STAND FAST IN FACE OF FRENCH RECOGNITION OF COMMUNIST CHINA

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1. SUMMARY AND COMMENT. CHIANG CHING-KUO HAS TOLD A MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) ADVISOR THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (GRC) SHOULD NOT BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH FRANCE BUT SHOULD WAIT UNTIL THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS ARRIVE IN FRANCE AND THEN DECIDE UPON A FURTHER COURSE OF ACTION. THE GRC SHOULD PROTEST FRENCH ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS, AND CONTINUE TO OPPOSE TWO CHINAS. THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS EXPECTED THAT THE GRC WOULD SEVER RELATIONS, BUT CHIANG BELIEVED THAT UNDER THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS WOULD NOT GO TO FRANCE.

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2. ON 18 JANUARY 1964, CHIANG CHING-KUO EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE GRC SHOULD WAIT UNTIL THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS ARRIVE IN FRANCE BEFORE MAKING A DECISION ON CONTINUING RELATIONS AND SHOULD NOT NOW SAY IT WOULD WITHDRAW WHEN THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS ESTABLISH AN EMBASSY IN FRANCE. AS LONG AS THE GRC WAS IN FRANCE, THE PRESTIGE OF THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS WOULD SUFFER. THE GRC ARRIVED IN FRANCE FIRST AND IT SHOULD USE THIS POINT. THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS EXPECTED THAT THE GRC WOULD SEVER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH FRANCE, BUT THE GRC SHOULD NOT DO SO BECAUSE IT WAS THERE FIRST AND HAD DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH FRANCE NOW.

3. CHIANG BELIEVED THE GRC SHOULD, HOWEVER, PROTEST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN FRANCE AND COMMUNIST CHINA, AND IT SHOULD CONTINUE TO OPPOSE TWO CHINAS. IT SHOULD NOT MENTION IN THIS PROTEST THE QUESTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS, THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS WOULD NOT GO TO FRANCE. THIS WOULD PUT FRANCE IN A DIFFICULT POSITION.

4. CHIANG BELIEVED THAT PREVIOUS FRENCH POLICY DID NOT IMPLY ANY WARM FEELING FOR THE GRC. PRESIDENT DE GAULLE WAS NOW THINKING PURELY IN TERMS OF EXPANDING HIS INFLUENCE. THIS SITUATION WAS A GOOD TEST FOR THE GRC. PEOPLE MUST REMAIN CALM IN SUCH AN EMERGENCY.

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