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COUNTRY: CHINA (TAIWAN)/BELGIUM

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SUBJECT: GRC EMBASSY'S EFFORTS TO DISSUADE GOVERNMENT OF  
BELGIUM FROM ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS  
WITH COMMUNIST CHINA

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1. ON 13 FEBRUARY 1969 GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA  
(GRC) AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM CH'EN HSIUNG-FEI [Redacted]  
NOTIFIED THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) THAT HE HAD  
CONTACTED SEVERAL TOP-LEVEL BELGIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN AN

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ATTEMPT TO DISSUADE THEM FROM INCREASING CONTACTS WITH COMMUNIST CHINA. AMBASSADOR CH'EN REPORTED THAT HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH THESE OFFICIALS HAD RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING ASSURANCES:

A. BELGIAN MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE RAYMOND SCHEYVEN, WHO HAD BEEN A LONG-TIME ADVOCATE FOR RECOGNITION OF PEKING, HAD AGREED TO USE HIS INFLUENCE TOWARD ASSURING THAT BELGIUM WOULD MAKE NO DECISION ON PEKING RECOGNITION UNTIL PRESIDENT NIXON VISITED BELGIUM.

B. THE NEW MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, LEBURTOIS, HAS AGREED TO SOLICIT SUPPORT FOR THE GRO IF AND WHEN THE PARLIAMENT DISCUSSES THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT TO RECOGNIZE PEKING.

C. NORBERT HOUGARDY, A LEADER OF THE LIBERTY AND PROGRESS PARTY, HAS AGREED TO PROPOSE TO THE BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO RECOGNIZE PEKING SHOULD BE DISCUSSED BY THE BELGIAN PARLIAMENT.

D. MEMBERS OF THE BELGIAN PARLIAMENT WHO ARE FRIENDLY TO THE GRO WILL ISSUE STATEMENTS SUPPORTING THE

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GRC POSITION WHEN THE PARLIAMENT DISCUSSES BELGIUM'S FOREIGN POLICY AND THE BUDGET OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

8. AMBASSADOR CH'EN ALSO REQUESTED THAT MFA URGE THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF AUSTRALIA AND THAILAND TO NOTIFY THE BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE GRC POSITION ON THIS QUESTION. CH'EN SAID THE AUSTRALIAN AND THAI AMBASSADORS TO BELGIUM WERE NOT THEN IN BRUSSELS.

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