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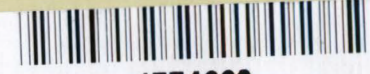
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: Managing Committee

DATE: March 11, 1982

FROM: M.P. Benjenk *MPB.*

SUBJECT: Treatment of the Taiwan Province in Bank Reports,
documents and maps

Please find attached a memorandum received on
March 10 from the Chinese Alternate Executive Director.
I also attach the previous correspondence on this subject
for your information.

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Attachments

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Messrs. M.P. Benjenk, VP, External Relations
H. Golsong, VP and General Counsel

DATE: March 9, 1982

FROM: CHEN Hui, Alternate ED, acting for Mr. WANG Liansheng

Chen Hui

SUBJECT: Treatment of Taiwan Province in Bank reports, documents and maps

Re your memo dated February 19, 1982, I have been instructed to convey the following message from my Governor, Mr. Wang Bingqian, which he has requested to be circulated as an official Bank document to member countries in lieu of his previous message dated January 21, 1982. The message reads:

"1. I pointed out explicitly in my last message that the political basis for co-operation between China and all international organizations, the World Bank included, is their recognition of China's consistent stand that the Government of the People's Republic of China is the only government of China, and that Taiwan is but a province and an inalienable part of the PRC. It is impermissible for the publications of any international organization, including such publications as the Annual Report, Atlas and other reports and documents of the World Bank, to give coverage to data and statistics about Taiwan as a separate political unit. Statistical reports and publications put out by the United Nations and by the other inter-governmental organizations in which China is a member, including the IMF, have not presented separate statistical coverage pertaining to China's Taiwan Province. In view of the outstanding debts owed by the authorities on Taiwan to the World Bank, the maximum compromise that China can make is not to object to the publication of debt figures owed by Taiwan Province in World Bank Annual Reports under the format of Taiwan, China. Except for this one and only case, we definitely cannot agree to separate coverage in any form or manner of economic statistical data whatsoever pertaining to Taiwan Province, one of China's local administrations.

"2. In your memorandum dated February 19, the Management of the Bank indicated that in the Atlas, population statistics for Taiwan would be included in the total for China. On this point, we can agree. It must also be stressed, however, that we can only agree to the relevant footnote stating that the population for China includes the figure for Taiwan Province; we cannot agree to the footnote listing any separate population figure for Taiwan Province.

"3. In your memorandum dated December 22, 1981, you reiterated the principle that Taiwan will not (be) treated ... as an independent entity! We appreciate this statement of position. We hold that to truly implement this principle, World Bank publications and footnotes therein ought not give separate coverage to economic statistics pertaining to China's Taiwan

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Province. Moreover, immediate action should be taken to thoroughly redress any wrong approaches that had already occurred. It is regrettable, however, that in your memorandum dated February 19, the Management of the Bank eschewed the only correct way of handling this issue as stated above, but proposed instead to substitute the term "GDP" for "GNP" in the Bank's Atlas. Irrespective of the change in form, it is quite obvious that this proposal, in essence, still seeks to treat Taiwan in Bank publications as a separate entity and to give statistical coverage pertaining to its economy. This erroneous approach contravenes the Bank's own principle as professed above, and is unacceptable to us.

"4. The Taiwan issue is China's domestic affair, and a matter of major principle in which China's sovereignty and territorial integrity are involved. One cannot depart from this context and expect to have a good working relationship with China. The Chinese side has time and again explained its position to the Bank. If anyone should choose to disregard this solemn stand of the Chinese side and obstinately insist on the erroneous approach of including the above-mentioned economic data pertaining to Taiwan Province in the Annual Report, Atlas, documents and other publications of the World Bank, the sole outcome will be to place a serious political obstacle to the co-operation between us.

"I wish solemnly to reiterate that we cannot accept the Bank Management's approach of including economic data on Taiwan Province in the Bank's Annual Report, Atlas, documents and other publications. I request that this memorandum be circulated as an official Bank document to all member countries."



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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Wang Liansheng, Executive Director

FROM: Munir P. Benjenk, Vice President, External Relations, and
Heribert Golsong, Vice President and General Counsel

SUBJECT: Treatment of Taiwan, China in Bank Reports, Documents and Maps

DATE: February 4, 1982

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of January 21, 1982, by which you conveyed the message of the Governor for the People's Republic of China on the above-mentioned subject.

2. At the outset, we would like to re-emphasize that the People's Republic of China represents China in the Bank and its affiliates and, therefore, the Bank does not regard Taiwan as a member or an independent entity. The fact that the Bank considers Taiwan as part of China is evidenced by the fact that we shall refer to it as Taiwan, China in Bank publications whenever such reference is necessary.

3. With respect to the use of the expression "gross national product" in Bank publications such as the Bank's Atlas, we would like to observe that, since such expression is a measure of the total economic output, it is widely used not only with respect to countries but also cities, towns, provinces, regions and other territorial areas. Thus, the Atlas and other Bank publications give "GNP" data for various territories or areas other than countries. The inclusion of such data therefore does not imply the connotation attributed to such presentation in the message.

4. The message refers to the practice of other international institutions and questions why the Bank does not follow their example with regard to the presentation of data relating to Taiwan. In this connection, it will be appreciated that the data published by the Bank is heavily relied upon by banks, financial institutions and by governments. This fact increases the Bank's responsibility to ensure that the data are presented in as accurate and complete a manner as possible. It is for this reason that we find ourselves unable to include in the computations for the People's Republic of China the figures relating to Taiwan, China or to omit the same altogether because of the island's outstanding debt obligations to the World Bank and of the place of its economy in world trade.

5. We would like to reiterate the assurances contained in our memorandum dated December 22, 1981, that:

"2. Data relating to Taiwan, China will be referred to in the Bank reports, documents and other publications only when it is necessary so to do in the interests of accuracy and integrity of the presentation of the statistical, economic and other information. However, in doing so every care will be taken that the island is not treated at par with the

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People's Republic of China or as an independent entity. The manner in which this will be accomplished will depend upon the nature of the document and of the data or other information to be shown. Thus, for example:

(a) If the table or the paragraph includes the data for China, the data for Taiwan, China would be presented separately in the form of a footnote stating 'excludes data for Taiwan, China which are as follows ...'

(b) If the data are to be given only for the island, the text would have an entry entitled 'others' and a footnote will be added to such entry giving the information for Taiwan, China.

3. In applying the foregoing to the World Bank Atlas 1981 (hereinafter called the Atlas), data in respect of Taiwan, China will be shown along the following lines:

(a) Under 'Gross National Product (GNP) at Market Prices and Average GNP per Capital (1979), and Population (mid-1979), by Income Group', a footnote against China will read 'Excluding data for Taiwan, China which are in the \$760-\$3,249 group'.

(b) Under the heading 'GNP per Capita at Market Prices (1979) and Average Annual Growth Rate (1970-79)', the footnote against China will read 'Excluding data for Taiwan, China which are as follows: GNP per Capita 1979 - \$1,900; real growth rate, 1970-79 - 7.2%'.

(c) Under the heading 'Population (mid-1979) and Average Annual Growth Rate (1970-79)', the footnote against China will read 'Excluding data for Taiwan, China, which are as follows: Population, mid-1979 - 17,307,000; growth rate 1970-79 - 2%'.

(d) Under the heading 'Population (mid-1979 and mid-1980), GNP at Market Prices and GNP per Capita (1979 and 1980), and Average Annual Growth Rate (1970-79)', the footnote against China will read 'Excluding data for Taiwan, China, which are as follows: Population - mid-1979 - 17,307,000, mid-1980 - 17,646,000; GNP at market prices: 1979 - 32,820 million, 1980 - 38,160 million; GNP per capita: 1979 - 1,900, 1980 - 2,160; growth rates: population, 1970-79 - 2.0%, GNP per capita, real, 1970-79 - 7.2%."

Mr. Wang

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6. We hope that the position set forth herein will clarify the points raised by your Governor in a satisfactory manner. However, if you still desire to have this correspondence circulated to member states, we will be glad to comply therewith.

cc. Managing Committee
Mr. Husain
Mr. Koch-Weser



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