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Subject: CHINA & TIAWAN WAR?  
Posted: February 13,1996 11:41:08  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: JOE CHI (XJGV01A)

Just my two bits:

1. Communism has collapsed in Russia and eastern Europe. The Chinese communists know very well about the failure and just wouldn't admit it (openly). God has his timing & Marxism should dissappear soon in China.

2. The civil war between the two sides has been tragic. Millions of people died during and after the revolution (if not tens of millions). It's very sad to see that people died on both sides for a system (test) that proved to be so bad. I praise GOD that America never have crazy leaders like those in Russia, China and Nazi Germany. People suffered. Now the conflict is on again between the two sides. I hope they have enough wisdom to avoid stupid and tragic incident(s). However, nobody knows for sure.

It's sort of like the American Civil War that two sides just couldn't negotiate. The result was a war with lots of casualties. To justify any external intervention in this Chinese conflict seems difficult. First, the risk of unnecessary high casualty. Second, the Communism will fail soon any way. Third, it's a civil issue. United Nations has it documented that Taiwan belongs to China. To intervene means ignoring international laws.

My brothers still live on Taiwan and I love them so much. I hope nothing bad happens. Sometimes I think political leaders are to blame. Look at Vietnam, so many American soldiers died along with hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese during the war. Now nobody cares. I feel sorry for those souls. And what's more ironical is the Vietnamese goverment now welcome eagerly the big international corporations to invest in Vietntn. I thought they represented evil to the Communist government. Sorry, I got carried away. I personally think it's unwise to get sucked into a messy conflict.

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To: DAVID BIGHIA (LXAV56A)  
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Charles Freeman, a former Assistant Secretary of Defense, returned from a visit to China and was quoted: "...senior Chinese officials (have) told me that China would sacrifice millions of men and entire cities to assure the unity of China and who (believed) that the United States would not make similar sacrifices...Some in Beijing may be prepared to engage in nuclear blackmail against the U.S. to assure that Americans do not obstruct efforts by the People's Liberation Army to defend the principles of Chinese sovereignty over Taiwan and Chinese national unity."

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History calls this "the seeds of war planted in the fertile soil of appeasement."

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