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The Honorable  
Robert Dole  
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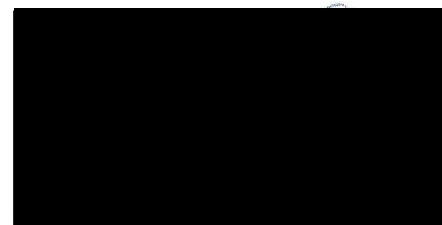
Dear Senator Dole:

I welcomed receiving the material on foreign policy matters which you recently sent me, and, as a matter of interest, have been impressed with a number of your commentaries in this domain on the floor of the Senate as they appeared in the Congressional Record. I would welcome being continued as an addressee on future mailings.

I was particularly interested in your observations on the two-China question. I had the good fortune of being stationed in Taiwan in the late 1950's and worked quite closely with the Chinese Navy and Marine Corps (as a member of the Navy Section of the MAAG) during the resupply of Quemoy in the midst of the Communist shelling of that island. In subsequent Navy duty tours, I visited the island frequently, and was able to observe the amazing year-by-year progress that was being made in every aspect of their endeavour. I certainly am not so naive as to believe the Chinese on Taiwan enjoy the political freedoms that we do; however, the fact remains that they do enjoy more freedom across the board than any nation in the Far East with the exception of Japan. And even in the 1960's one of the standing jokes in Taipei was that the Taiwanese controlled most of the money in Taiwan while the mainland Chinese had the political power, and each was envious of the other and striving to acquire what the other had!

It would be tragic indeed for that island and its people to be left to the mercy of the government of the People's Republic of China. It would be even more tragic if the United States was a party of such a development. You obviously share that view. I hope you will be successful in convincing the Administration that this view should prevail. Anything short of that certainly could be disastrous to our stature in the Far East.


Thank you again for providing me such pertinent material. I shall look forward to what comes next.





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August 5, 1977

  
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Dear Mr. Thomas:

Just a note to thank you for your letter of August 1.

I appreciated having your comments concerning my recent statements regarding the establishment of diplomatic relations with China,,and I was pleased to know that we are in agreement on this issue.

Again, thank you for your letter, and for your very kind words of support. You may be assured that I will continue to work for responsible foreign policy.

~~Sincerely,~~ ~~yygurs,~~

BOB DOLE  
United States Senate