Dec. 16, 1978
Saturday
Seaside

At 9:00 A.M. Ambassador Dunphy came to my home at 21 2nd Street Parmiquo (Seaside) to deliver to me the text of a letter of President Carter informing me of his projected announcement 9 P.M. Washington time, which would be 10 A.M. March time today, of the normalization of relations between the United States and the People's Republic of China.

The first question that entered my mind was about Taiwan about which he says "I am conveying the Taiwanese that we intend to maintain strong unofficial people relations including a full range of trade and economic relations. The normalization will be carried out in an orderly manner that will give confidence to all our friends. I HOPE that this step will enhance the security and stability of Asia."

I hope Pres. Chiang Ching Kuo does not react violently in Taipei & opts by allowing accommodation to Peking - Taiwan - any trade, shipping, fishing and the like.