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Summary:

The document outlines a U.S. statement reaffirming its policy of respecting China's territorial integrity, referencing the Cairo Declaration and Potsdam Proclamation, which included returning Formosa (Taiwan) to Chinese control after Japan's surrender. Note: On the US Department of State Virtual Reading Room, this document was originally packaged together with two other records in filename C09000044.pdf. They have been separated here, but are listed below under Related Documents. This document summary was generated by an artificial intelligence language model and was reviewed by a Wilson Center staff member.

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FOLLOWING is text President's ~~statement~~ statement of January 5: *M*

QUOTE The United States Government has always stood for good faith in international relations. Traditional United States policy toward China, as exemplified in the Open Door policy, called for international respect for the territorial integrity of China. This principle was recently reaffirmed in the UN General Assembly resolution of December 8, 1949, which, in part, calls on all states

To refrain from (a) seeking to acquire spheres of influence or to create foreign controlled regimes within the territory of China; (b) seeking to obtain special rights or privileges within the territory of China.

QUOTE A specific application of the foregoing principles is seen in the present situation with respect to Formosa. In the Joint Declaration at Cairo on December 1, 1943, the President of the United States, the British Prime Minister and the President of China stated that it was their purpose that territories Japan had stolen from China, such as INNER QUOTE Formosa END INNER

QUOTE, should be restored to the Republic of China. The United States

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States was a signatory to the Potsdam Declaration of July 26, 1945, which declared that the terms of the Cairo Declaration should be carried out. The provisions of this Declaration were accepted by Japan at the time of its surrender. In keeping with these declarations, Formosa was surrendered to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek and for the past four years the United States and the other Allied Powers have accepted the exercise of Chinese authority over the Island.

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QUOTE The United States has no predatory designs on Formosa or on any other Chinese territory. The United States has no desire to obtain special rights or privileges or to establish military bases on Formosa at this time. Nor does it have any intention of utilizing its armed forces to interfere in the present situation. The United States Government will not pursue a course which will lead to involvement in the civil conflict in China.

QUOTE Similarly, the United States Government will not provide military aid or advice to Chinese forces on Formosa. In the view of the United States Government, the resources on Formosa are adequate to enable them to obtain the items which they might consider necessary for the defense of the Island.

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