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Meeting with Vice Premier Qian Qichen
Thursday, July 13

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U.S. Attendees: CORE 10

Chinese Attendees: TBD

Background:

Vice Premier Qian Qichen preceded Tang Jiaxuan as Foreign Minister and retains the overall policy responsibility for foreign affairs and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs function. In addition he has a major role in policy deliberations on Taiwan issue. The MFA plays a leading role for China in proliferation, arms control, human rights, and POW resolution issues.

Objectives:

- Provide U.S. perspective on serving globally and in Asia, including focus on Taiwan, missile defense, proliferation, Korea, and range of other international security issues
- Counter China's misperceptions about U.S. strategy and intent internationally
- Accentuate importance of sustained mil-mil relationship to build confidence and avoid miscalculation
- Gain support for Korean War accounting, which has become a much more visible concern to the American people and the Congress.

Key Themes:

- Need for consistent, frank dialogue as foundation of constructive bilateral relationship
- Importance of the military to military relationship as component of state to state relationship
- Restraint on Taiwan, peaceful resolution, and no use of force
- Importance of US approval of PNTR and China and Taiwan's entry into WTO
- Cooperation on resolving Korean War POW issues will benefit our relationship
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