

Plenary Meeting with MND General Chi Haotian
Wednesday, July 12

U.S. Attendees: CORE 15

Chinese Attendees: TBD

Background:

Your counterpart meeting with MND Chi Haotian is your most extensive opportunity for communicating U.S. perspectives on the range of international security issues. The discussion is divided into three sections – Global, Regional, Bilateral – within which we hope to have a fluid exchange. Each side has suggested similar topics for discussion within each section (see attachment). You last met with MND Chi during your trip to Beijing in January 1998.

Objectives:

- Provide U.S. perspective on serving in Asia and globally, with particular 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

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

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- Reaffirm value of high level dialogues on broad range of issues
- Renew invitation for Military Commission Member General Yu Yongbo to visit this fall as senior PLA visitor for year 2000
- Invite MND Chi to visit in 2001 to meet with new SECDEF and continue ministerial level meetings

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