

Appendix 100 -- Taiwan's Lee Teng-hui on "Special State-to-State" Relations (1999)

Source: Shirley A. Kan, "China/Taiwan: Evolution of the 'One China' Policy -- Key Statements from Washington, Beijing and Taipei", Updated August 17, 2009. *Congressional Research Service Report for Congress* (Code: RL 30341), p. 59.

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The fact that disregarding the reality that the two sides of the Taiwan Strait are under separate administrations of different governments, the Chinese communist authorities have been threatening us with force is actually the main reason why cross-strait ties cannot be improved thoroughly. ... Since the PRC's establishment, the Chinese communists have never ruled Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen, and Matsu, which have been under the jurisdiction of the Republic of China. ... Since our constitutional reform in 1991, we have designated cross-strait ties as nation-to- nation, or at least as special state-to-state ties, rather than internal ties within "one China " between a legitimate government and a rebellion group, or between central and local governments...