

### **Appendix 31 – Mao on the Use of Force (1973)**

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As for the question of our relations with Taiwan, that is quite complex. I do not believe in a peaceful transition... They are a bunch of counter-revolutionaries (the Nationalists on Taiwan). How could they cooperate with us? I say that we can do without Taiwan for the time being, and let it come after "100 years."