

Appendix 29 -- Nixon's Five Points (1972)
(excerpts) February 22, 1972

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Accounts of President Nixon's secret talks with PRC Chairman Mao Zedong and Premier Zhou Enlai during his trip to China in 1972 say that Nixon made promises on the question of Taiwan that went beyond the communiqué issued at the end. In what the Carter Administration later called "Nixon's Five Points," Nixon's notes said the following:

Taiwan:

I reiterate what our policy is:

1. Status is determined -- One China, Taiwan is part of China
2. Won't support Taiwan independence
3. *Try* (original emphasis) to restrain Japan -- (from increasing influence on Taiwan)
4. Support peaceful resolution
5. Will seek normalization

Also, according to Assistant Secretary of State Stanley Roth's March 1999 testimony, Nixon pledged no U.S. support for Taiwan independence (second time after Kissinger's 1971 promise): We have not and will not support any Taiwan independence movement.