

Appendix 3. PRC Signaling Over Taiwan: 1991, 1995, 1999, 2003–2004

1991: Taiwan Debate Preceding National Assembly Elections

Date	Leadership Statements	Official Statements	Authoritative Press Comment	Other
1991				
5/6				Long Liaowang article describes rising Taiwan independence (TI) issue in Taiwan's politics
6/3			<i>People's Daily</i> COMMENTATOR ARTICLE warns TI is "a dangerous path"; warns advocates to "rein in at the brink of the precipice" and by "playing with fire" one will "get burned"	
7/1	JIANG ZEMIN Chinese Communist Party (CCP) anniversary speech notes that rise of TI "calls for special attention and vigilance"			

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1991				
7/9		State Council (SC) Taiwan Affairs Office (TAO) spokesman TANG SHUBEI denounces Legislative Yuan (LY) proposal to join United Nations as Republic of China (ROC), notes some Kuomintang (KMT) legislators support; requires “high vigilance”		
8/25				Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) meeting on constitutional revision to change name of ROC to Taiwan
9/7			<i>People’s Daily</i> COMMENTATOR ARTICLE blasts DPP draft constitution	
9/12		MFA spokesman at weekly briefing denounces TI advocates, Ramsey Clark remarks as “foreign interference”		

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1991				
9/30	LI PENG national day toast says PRC “will never tolerate” Taiwan independence			
10/7				<i>Wen Wei Po</i> EDITORIAL chides KMT leaders for accommodating DPP TI demands; warns Beijing will not “stand idly by and remain indifferent”
10/9	PRC President YANG SHANGKUN warns those seeking to split China: Beijing “will not stand idly by”; should not make “wrong appraisal”; “those who play with fire will perish by fire”			
10/10			<i>People's Daily</i> EDITORIAL on PRC national day warns Beijing “will not tolerate” TI advocates colluding with “foreign powers”	
10/13				Zhongguo Xinwenshe reports DPP adopting TI plank in party constitution

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1991				
10/15		SC TAO spokesman TANG SHUBEI statement condemning DPP constitution plank on TI: “If they turn a deaf ear” to PRC warnings, Beijing “will not stand idly by”		
10/17			<i>People’s Daily</i> COMMENTATOR ARTICLE on 20 th anniversary of PRC entry into UN: “we resolutely oppose any attempt to create ‘two Chinas’ or ‘one China and one Taiwan”	
11/6-7	Vice President WU XUEQIAN meets Straits Exchange Foundation (SEF) delegation in Beijing, calls for talks			
12/11	JIANG ZEMIN speech on 55 th anniversary of Xian Incident: renews proposal for talks; urges TI advocates “not to make a mistaken assessment,” turn back			

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1991				
12/16	Vice President WU XUEQIAN at ARATS (Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Strait) founding meeting applauds some Taipei officials for taking stronger stand against TI, acts to speed up cross-strait ties			Xinhua reports founding of ARATS
12/22				Zhongguo Tongxunshe reports KMT dominance, TI rejection in National Assembly elections

1995: Lee Teng-hui U.S. Visit

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1995				
5/22				Xinhua reports U.S. decision to grant Lee Teng-hui (LTH) a visa
5/23	VP/MFA Qian Qichen lodges "strong protest" with Ambassador Roy; will result in "grave consequences" unless U.S. reverses decision	MFA STATEMENT warns relations may "retrogress" and cause "severe damage" to relations		

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1995				
5/24		National People's Congress (NPC) Foreign Affairs Committee statement: U.S. entirely responsible for consequences; Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) Foreign Affairs Committee statement		
5/25		MFA spokesman Shen Guofang says SC Li Guixian, PLA Air Force Deputy Commander Yu Zhenwu cutting U.S. visits short		May 25–30: Taiwan forces hold anti-amphibious landing exercises on Taiwan coast
5/26		MFA spokesman Shen Guofang says Minister of National Defense (MinND) Chi Haotian U.S. visit postponed	<i>People's Daily</i> COMMENTATOR ARTICLE, "Serious and Dangerous Retrogression," says PRC "absolutely will not tolerate" U.S. violating sovereignty, "will resolutely defend" its national interests	Xinhua reports ARATS Vice President Tang Shubei departing for Taipei to set 2 nd summit between SEF and ARATS; says Wang-Koo talks to be in mid- or late July

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1995				
5/28		MFA spokesman Shen Guofang announces postponement of Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) talks and visit by U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency chief		
5/29				<i>Wen Wei Po</i> (Hong Kong) EDITORIAL notes PRC responses so far in diplomatic arena; other areas could be affected; in Taipei, Tang Shubei announces agreement on Wang-Koo talks for July 20
6/1		MFA spokesman Chen Jian warns "serious damage" to PRC-U.S. relations if U.S. does not reverse Lee Teng-hui visa		

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1995				
6/2				Winston Lord announces Clinton administration's renewal of "most favored nation" status for PRC
6/3				<i>Ta Kung Pao</i> (Hong Kong) editorial urges U.S. Government "not to miscalculate" and "turn a deaf ear" or PRC will "react further"
6/6		MFA spokesman Shen Guofang calls U.S. visa for Lee a "grave affair," says PRC will "react further" if not reversed		
6/8-12				Lee Teng-hui visit to Los Angeles, Ithaca, Anchorage
6/8				Xinhua publishes "Ai Zhonghua" article stating PRC will "adopt all necessary measures" to defend sovereignty

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1995				
6/9		PRC Ambassador Li Daoyu meets Clinton: U.S. action has “seriously damaged” relations	<i>People's Daily</i> COMMENTATOR ARTICLE says U.S. has “brought serious consequences” to relations and will “pay a price”	
6/10				<i>People's Daily</i> “Bu Wen” article entitled “U.S. Is Playing with Fire,” says Taiwan issue is a “powder keg” — “be careful!”
6/16		MFA spokesman Shen Guofang announces Ambassador Li Daoyu called home “for consultations”; SC Taiwan Affairs Office spokesman announces 2 nd Wang-Koo talks postponed		
6/17				Xinhua commentary says PRC-U.S. relations “at a crossroad,” and “we will wait and see” which way U.S. wants to go

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1995				
7/21				PRC begins missile firings into East China Sea
7/31	Minister of National Defense CHI HAO-TIAN Army Day toast says PRC will “not give up use of force” or “stand idly by” in face of foreign interference in Taiwan issue			

1999: Lee Teng-hui on Cross-strait Exchanges as “Special State-to-State Relations”

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1999				
7/9				Lee Teng-hui says cross-strait ties a “special state-to-state” relationship in <i>Deutsche Welle</i> interview
7/11		Central Committee (CC)/State Council (SC) Taiwan Affairs Office spokesman on Lee statement: “We solemnly warn Taiwan splittist forces to pull back before it is too late and stop playing with fire”		

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7/12		<p>MFA spokesman Zhu Bangzao urges Lee Teng-hui to “size up the situation soberly, rein in at the brink of the precipice” and cease all separatist activities; has “gone too far on the dangerous road of playing with fire”; ARATS President Wang Daohan says Lee Teng-hui’s statement “undermines the foundation” of cross-strait exchanges</p>		
7/13		<p>ARATS Vice-President Tang Shubei elaborates on Lee Teng-hui undermining basis for cross-strait exchanges</p>		

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1999				
7/14			People's Daily COMMENTATOR ARTICLE denounces Lee Teng-hui's "secessionist ambition"; expresses confidence in people's support for unification	Zhongguo Xinwenshe interview with Institute of Taiwan Studies researcher Li Ji-aquan: Lee Teng-hui's statement "a declaration of war against peaceful unification and pushes cross-strait relations to the brink of war"
7/15		MFA spokesman Zhang Qiyue urges Taiwan authorities to "size up the situation soberly, rein in at the brink of the precipice," and cease splittist activities; CC/SC Taiwan Affairs Office Director CHEN YUNLIN: Lee Teng-hui's remarks "destroyed the foundation" of the one-China principle		
7/17				Xinhua long article by "GUO TAIWEN" on meaning of Lee Teng-hui's "two-state" theory

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1999				
7/18		CPPCC Hong Kong/Macao/Taiwan/Overseas Chinese (OC) Committee statement: Lee Teng-hui "should stop playing with fire"		
7/20				<i>Wen Wei Po</i> cites Nanjing Military Region Deputy Chief of Staff Su Jing comments on Fujian military exercise, says Lee Teng-hui will "ruin himself by playing with fire" and will "drown in the ocean of people's war"
7/21		Xinhua reports ARATS forum denouncing Lee Teng-hui for destroying basis for cross-strait exchanges	<i>People's Daily</i> COMMENTATOR ARTICLE on upholding "one-China principle"	Xinhua Commentator on Lee Teng-hui "doomed to be pinned on the pole of humiliation in history"

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1999				
7/25	Xinhua reports Foreign Minister TANG JIAXUAN denouncing Lee Teng-hui “splittism” in Singapore talks with U.S. Secretary of State Albright; stresses U.S. abiding by three communiqués critical to stability in the Taiwan Strait			Xinhua Commentator on Lee Teng-hui’s “sophistry”; must “rein in before the brink of the precipice and cease all splittist activities”
7/26			<i>People’s Daily</i> COMMENTATOR ARTICLE on Lee Teng-hui’s removal of basis for cross-strait exchanges	
7/27	PLA Chief of General Staff FU QUANYOU says Lee Teng-hui “lifting a great rock only to drop it on his own feet”; PLA has “determination and strength” to defend China’s sovereignty			
7/29			<i>People’s Daily</i> COMMENTATOR ARTICLE warns Taipei to “rein in at the brink of the precipice,” restore basis for cross-strait ties	

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1999				
7/30		Xinhua reports ARATS rejecting Koo Chen-fu letter responding to WANG DAOHAN call on SEF to clarify its position		
7/31	Minister of Defense CHI HAOTIAN warns Taipei "not to under-estimate" PLA resolution to defend China's sovereignty			<i>Wen Wei Po</i> (Hong Kong) says Wang Daohan will not visit Taipei until it retracts Lee Teng-hui position
8/1			<i>People's Daily</i> and Xinhua SPECIAL COMMENTATOR ARTICLE blasts Koo Chen-fu speech "clarifying" Lee Teng-hui view; <i>Seeking Truth</i> COMMENTATOR ARTICLE calls on Lee Teng-hui to "ward off disaster at the critical moment"	<i>Wen Wei Po</i> (Hong Kong) article by Li Jiaquan dissects Koo Chen-fu response on "clarifying" Lee Teng-hui position
8/2				Xinhua Commentator blasts Koo Chen-fu speech responding to Wang Daohan demand for clarification

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8/3				Ta Kung Pao (Hong Kong) cites PLA sources that Fujian PLA forces on alert; 3-stage military exercises like 1995–1996 “likely”
8/4		CC & SC TAO director’s speech rebutting 1 Aug Taiwan Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) explanation of “two-state” theory		
8/9				<i>Wen Wei Po</i> (Hong Kong) editorial raises possibility of blockade
8/10			Long <i>People’s Daily</i> OBSERVER ARTICLE on Lee Teng-hui’s two-state theory; blasts July 30 Koo Chen-fu speech, August 1 MAC explanations as showing Lee Teng-hui not willing to “stop before the brink of the precipice”	<i>Ta Kung Pao</i> (Hong Kong) editorial notes warnings of CHI HAOTIAN, ZHANG WANNIAN, sees prospect of war

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1999				
8/16				Xinhua reports various PLA elements denounce Lee Teng-hui's two-state view; pledge "not to sit idly by" to preserve territorial integrity
8/18		Xinhua repots TAO office directors meeting reiterating readiness to open talks if Taipei retreats from two-state position	<i>Jiefangjun Bao</i> COMMENTATOR ARTICLE blasts two-state theory; says PLA would rather lose 1,000 men than an inch of territory	
8/19		UN representative QIN HUASUN meets UN deputy secretary-general on Nicaraguan proposal to seat Taipei; Amb. LI ZHAOXING blasts "some U.S. politicians" urging that U.S. protect Taiwan by force	<i>Jiefangjun Bao</i> COMMENTATOR ARTICLE #2 on Lee Teng-hui's two-state theory	

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1999				
8/20		MFA spokesman ZHU BANGZAO calls for the U.S. “to make a clear commitment to not supply TMD” to Taiwan so as “not to undermine peace and stability” in the Taiwan Strait		
8/21				<i>Wen Wei Po</i> (Hong Kong) article by NDU professor on likely military alternatives in event of Taiwan Strait war; Zhongguo Tongxunshe report on accuracy of PRC cruise missiles, other capabilities in Taiwan conflict; “The PLA will teach Taiwan a lesson” and “cause heavy losses”
8/23				<i>Liaowang</i> commentator article warns Lee Teng-hui “not to turn a deaf ear”

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1999				
8/26				Zhongguo Xinwenshe interview with 2nd Artillery engineer on PLA readiness to defend PRC sovereignty
8/27			<i>People's Daily</i> COMMENTATOR ARTICLE attacks new Lee Teng-hui remarks; notes Lee Teng-hui finds himself increasingly isolated internationally	
8/28	VP QIAN QICHEN warns Taipei "not to underestimate the firm determination" of PRC to uphold sovereignty; do not "lift a stone only to drop it on one's foot"			
8/31		CC TAO statement blasts KMT resolution endorsing Lee Teng-hui's two-state theory		
9/1				<i>People's Daily</i> runs long Li Jiaquan article on Taiwanization of KMT

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1999				
9/2		MFA spokesman Sun Yuxi blasts Lee Teng-hui pressing two-state theory in KMT platform, “pushing the Taiwan people nearer to the abyss of war,” “playing with fire”		AFP reports PLA exercises off Xiamen
9/3	Chief of General Staff FU QUANYOU tells Uruguay guest PLA “will foil any conspiracy to split the mainland”			Xinhua reports PRC missile experts blast Lee Teng-hui, boast of new generation of missiles
9/4	JIANG ZEMIN in Bangkok calls Lee Teng-hui’s two-state view “a dangerous step,” reiterates PRC as “firm in its determination” to defend sovereignty			
9/5				<i>Guangzhou Daily</i> notes upcoming PLA exercises off Guangdong to “deflate Lee Teng-hui’s arrogance”

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1999				
9/6	Chief of General Staff FU QUANYOU tells Czech army leader PLA backs PRC government stance on Lee Teng-hui's two-state theory, has "strong determination and sufficient strength" to defend sovereignty			
9/7	Minister of Defense CHI HAOTIAN tells Czech army leader Beijing will not give up use of force against Taiwan splittists	MFA spokesman Sun Yuxi urges U.S. officials not to say things that encourage Lee Teng-hui's "arrogance"	<i>People's Daily</i> COMMENTATOR ARTICLE blasts Lee Teng-hui's efforts over the decade to pursue two-state idea	
9/8	JIANG ZEMIN in Canberra says PRC will not give up use of force in event of Taiwan independence or foreign intervention in Taiwan issue		<i>People's Daily</i> 2 nd COMMENTATOR ARTICLE attacks Lee Teng-hui claim that public supports his two-state theory	

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1999				
9/9	FM TANG JIAXUAN meets Secretary of State ALBRIGHT in Canberra, calls on U.S. not to encourage Lee Teng-hui's "arrogance," nor supply theater missile defense (TMD)			Zhongguo Xinwenshe reports Academy of Military Science (AMS) researcher Wang Baoqing stating that "there is a limit to Beijing's patience" on unification; PRC has military superiority because of missiles; U.S. may intervene but will ultimately retreat
9/10	Reports ZHANG WANNIAN observing PLA "joint landing" exercises off Zhejiang and Guangdong in early September; PLA keeping a "close eye" on developments, "ready to crush" separatist acts			
9/11	JIANG ZEMIN in Auckland reiterates Beijing will not renounce use of force to defend sovereignty		<i>People's Daily</i> 3 rd COMMENTATOR ARTICLE blasts Lee Teng-hui's two-state theory	<i>Liberation Army Daily</i> commentary on why PRC will not renounce use of force; <i>Wen Wei Po</i> (Hong Kong) on significance of recent joint exercises

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1999				
9/13	<i>Ta Kung Pao</i> reports CMC RESOLUTION on mobilizing for war			
9/14			<i>People's Daily</i> COMMENTATOR ARTICLE, "Lee Teng-hui Is Pushing Taiwan to Disaster," says cross-strait relations "at a vitally important moment"; PRC will not renounce use of force; prospect of peaceful unification "in danger of being wiped out"; "Chinese people keep their word" and Lee Teng-hui will suffer "fatal attacks"	
9/15		ARATS Vice Chairman TANG SHUBEI in Los Angeles warns "a small number of anti-China forces in the U.S. not "to be drawn into . . . a head-on collision with China" over Lee Teng-hui's splittism	<i>People's Daily</i> 4 th COMMENTATOR ARTICLE on Lee Teng-hui's two-state theory	

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1999				
9/16		MFA spokesman Sun Yuxi notes United Nations General Assembly rejection of effort by “a small number of countries” to seat Taiwan	<i>People’s Daily</i> 5 th COMMENTATOR ARTICLE on Lee Teng-hui’s two-state theory’s “trouble-making” in the international community	
9/20				<i>Wen Wei Po</i> (Hong Kong) article on PLA preparations for war against Taiwan
9/23	Foreign Minister TANG JIAXUAN tells Secretary ALBRIGHT that JIANG-CLINTON meeting in Auckland produced “positive and constructive results”; now need “concrete actions”			
9/30	Premier ZHU RONGJI national day toast notes campaign against Lee Teng-hui’s two-state theory; pledges aid to Taiwan earthquake victims			
10/15				SEF Chairman Koo Chen-fu renews invitation to ARATS Chairman WANG DAO-HAN to visit Taipei

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1999				
10/16		ARATS deputy ZHANG JINCHENG rejects Koo invitation as “insincere” in absence of retraction of Lee Teng-hui two-state view		
10/25	JIANG ZEMIN interview with <i>Le Figaro</i> says PRC “will not sit idly by” at attempts to split China; but renews Beijing interest in peaceful approach			

2003–2004 Taiwan Referendum Law

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2003				
3/26		SC TAO spokesman Zhang Mingqing blasts Legislative Yuan push to adopt referendum law		
7/18		SC TAO deputy director WANG ZAIXI says push for referendum law “a very dangerous trend”		

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2003				
8/7	State Councilor (SCLr) TANG JIAXUAN tells Taiwan media delegation Beijing “opposes people using a ‘referendum’ to split the country”			
8/26		SC TAO deputy director WANG ZAIXI again says push for referendum law “a dangerous trend”		
9/28				DPP and Chen Shui-bian (CSB) call for new constitution and 2006 referendum
10/2				Xinhua reports People’s University professor denouncing CSB’s call for new constitution, referendum a “provocative move” that is “extremely dangerous”
10/9		SC TAO STATEMENT blasts CSB’s September 28 “provocative” remarks favoring TI referendum		

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2003				
10/13				<i>People's Daily</i> article by Sun Shengliang attacks CSB's push for TI referendum
10/24	HU JINTAO in Canberra says Beijing "will not tolerate" Taiwan independence			
10/28	SClr TANG JIAXUAN says PRC "will not tolerate" TI promotion "by any party or person in Taiwan"			
10/29		SC TAO spokesman Zhang Mingqing "firmly opposes" TI referendum; "Chinese nation will not tolerate" TI "in any form"		
10/30				<i>Ta Kung Pao</i> (Hong Kong) attacks CSB, mass rally promoting referendum on new constitution; notes U.S. "concern" about CSB abandonment of "4 nos.," reviewing Taiwan policy

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2003				
11/4				<p><i>Ta Kung Pao</i> (Hong Kong) reviews CSB's push for TI referendum, warns it will lead to an "extremely perilous situation and a catastrophe" for the Taiwan people</p>
11/12		<p>SC TAO spokesman Li Weiyi warns CSB is moving "closer and close to the brink of TI," will bring a "huge disaster"</p>		
11/17		<p>SC TAO spokesman says CSB and DPP efforts to push TI referenda "a very dangerous splittist act," calls on them to "rein in before the precipice"; otherwise, face a "head-on blow by 1.3 billion Chinese people"</p>		
11/18		<p>ARATS Chairman WANG DAOHAN says TI advocates pushing "situation in the Taiwan Strait to a dangerous brink"</p>		

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2003				
11/19		SC TAO deputy WANG ZAIXI blasts referendum as “an extremely dangerous move”; if TI declared, “armed force will be hard to avoid”; “TI means war”		Zhongguo Xinwenshe reports AMS research director LUO YUAN says changing ROC constitution is a “bottom line for the mainland to resort to force”; urges CSB to “think twice”
11/20				<i>Ta Kung Pao</i> (Hong Kong) EDITORIAL notes remarks in recent days by TAO leaders “most strongly worded since CSB came to power; Taipei should “not misinterpret Beijing’s words”; TI will lead to “war and disaster”
11/21		MFA spokesman Liu Jianchao calls on U.S. to honor commitments; “send no more wrong signals” regarding TI		

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2003				
11/23	Premier WEN JIABAO tells <i>Washington Post</i> editor PRC “will not sit idly by and do nothing” in face of referendum and TI efforts; urges U.S. side “to be crystal clear” in opposition to the referendum” and other CSB tactics			
11/26		SC TAO spokesman Zhang Mingqing states Beijing “will not stand idly by” in event of TI		
11/27				ROC Legislative Yuan passes watered-down version of referendum law
12/2		MFA spokesman Liu Jianchao notes recent U.S. statements affirming one-China principle, opposing referendum		
12/9	Premier WEN JIABAO meets BUSH in Washington, DC: affirms Beijing’s “determination” to uphold national unity; notes Bush’s commitment to one-China principle and opposition to TI			

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2003				
12/11		MFA spokesman Liu Jianchao reiterates November 11 Wen Jiabao, Bush statements		
12/17		SC TAO spokesman Li Weiyi calls CSB's call for a "defensive referendum" along with the March elections a "serious provocation" against Taiwan Strait peace		
12/25	HU JINTAO meets 200 Taiwan businessmen; affirms interest in cross-strait exchanges but says will not tolerate TI			
12/30		MFA spokesman Liu Jianchao applauds Tokyo statement against referendum, TI		
12/31		SC TAO spokesman Zhang Mingqing blasts CSB for stirring up anti-China feelings		Reports CSB signing referendum law

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2004				
1/3		SC TAO deputy WANG ZAIXI in Canberra says CSB's referendum vote, new constitution in 2006 means it seeks TI by 2008; PRC's "restraint has a bottom line"; will not "waver or compromise"		
1/14	CMC Vice Chairman CAO GANGCHUAN tells U.S. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff MYERS that "clearcut stand and resolution opposition" needed in face of TI activities; hopes U.S. "will play an active part in this"	SC TAO spokesman Li Weiyi: PRC "has firm resolve and necessary preparations" and "determination and confidence" to defend sovereignty		
1/15		SC TAO deputy WANG ZAIXI in New York tells 400 overseas Chinese three conditions under which PRC will use force (from February 2000 White Paper), adds that process cannot be set precisely; if Taipei makes "wrong judgment," timetable will be moved up		

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2004				
1/19	SCLr TANG JIAXUAN at forum calls referendum “can only cause confrontation and animosity” and lead to “the brink of danger”			Long <i>Renminwang</i> article by Peng Weixue on CSB’s March 20 referendum as a stepping-stone to TI
1/20		MFA spokesman KONG QUAN urges U.S. to keep its promise to oppose TI		
1/26	HU JINTAO in Paris reiterates PRC “will by no means allow anyone to separate Taiwan”			
1/30	WEN JIABAO meets U.S. Deputy Secretary of State ARMITAGE in Beijing, says Taiwan situation “very sensitive,” hopes U.S. will explicitly oppose CSB referendum; Armitage affirms Bush statements			
2/4				Long <i>Renminwang</i> article by Peng Weixue says CSB seriously misjudges PRC stake in TI issue

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2004				
2/11		SC TAO spokesman Zhang Mingqing urges Taiwan people, international community to recognize “dangers caused by the adventurist activities of TI advocates”		
2/17	CMC VC CAO GANGCHUAN reiterates “willingness and strength” to “guarantee unification”			
2/25		SC TAO spokesman Li Weiyi calls referendum “very harmful,” Beijing “watching developments closely”		
2/27		NPC spokesman Jiang Enzhu blasts referendum as “immoral” CSB campaign tactic		Singapore press says Fujian PLA “on high alert” because of February 28 rebellion anniversary demonstration led by Lee Teng-hui

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2004				
3/6	FM LI ZHAO-XING NPC press conference reiterates Beijing will “not allow Taiwan separation by any means”			<i>Wen Wei Po</i> (Hong Kong) says Fujian PLA holiday leave cancelled, preparing for war
3/11	JIA QINGLIN in talks with Taiwanese NPC delegates reiterates Beijing will not “allow Taiwan separation by any means”			
3/12		SC TAO deputy WANG ZAIXI tells Taiwan media reps Beijing ready for any election outcome, “has already drafted 2 separate statements”		
3/14	WEN JIABAO in NPC press conference reiterates Beijing will never allow Taiwan separation, appreciates international community and U.S. rejecting referendum			

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2004				
3/20		CC and SC TAO STATEMENT says failure of referendum “proves” it was “an illegal act that went against the will of the people”; any effort toward Taiwan independence “is doomed to fail”		Xinhua reports failure of CSB referendum in March 20 election