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1. JIAP NEWS

This is another one of our catch up issues.

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2) MEMBER NEWS

Chen Shui-bian and Building Democracy in Taiwan Atlantic Council. This bulletin briefly outlines the development of democracy in Taiwan leading up to Chen's election in 2000 and discusses the successes and failures of the Chen administration. It concludes with a discussion of the prospects for increased cooperation or conflict across the Taiwan Strait and implications for U.S.-Taiwan relations. Based on the roundtable discussion “Chen Shui-Bian and the Status of Democracy in Taiwan,” a May 2003 program in the ongoing Cross-Strait Seminar Series of the Asia Programs at the Atlantic Council of the United States.

http://www.acus.org/Publications/bulletins/Asia/Taiwan_Bulletin_May_03.pdf

“Oceania's Post-9/11: Security Concerns: Common Causes, Uncommon Approaches?” by Dr. Eric Shibuya, Assistant Professor in the College of Security Studies, **Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies**, November 2003. Argues that though Pacific Island Countries (PICs) share similar security concerns, they seek to address these challenges in different ways. Interest in the PICs has increased in the context of post-9/11 concerns that they could be used for terrorist and related criminal activities. Dr. Shibuya cautions against a “blanket policy approach” to problems of instability in some PICs. He notes the Solomon Islands' clear, unambiguous invitation to Australian intervention “may not signal a trend that PICs will be more willing to ask for such direct assistance, but it would seem that larger countries are today more willing to provide it.” He concludes that the United States will focus on the North Pacific of the Oceania region and will defer to Australia and New Zealand to take a lead in the area. However, U.S. will be watching and cooperatively working with the PICs to monitor activities that could contribute to terrorism and crime.

<http://www.apcss.org/Publications/APSSS/Oceanias%20post%20911%20security%20concerns.pdf>

3) CRITICAL REPORTS

“Iraq and Asymmetric Warfare: The US vs. FRL/Islamist Duel Changing Grand Strategy, Strategy, Tactics, Technology, and Training,” Report by Anthony Cordesman, CSIS, 11/14/03, Revised 12/6/03. “Neither side can now achieve their original grand strategic objectives. This has forced each side to limit its objectives to the point where neither side may be able to “win” in grand strategic terms.”

See: http://www.csis.org/features/031204_assymetric.pdf

“CIA Finds No Evidence Hussein Sought To Arm Terrorists.” WP11/16/03, A20. “Cordesman noted that Kay said Iraq ‘did order nuclear equipment from 1999 on, but no evidence [has turned up] of [a] new major facility to use it.’”

“Unclassified Report to Congress on the Acquisition of Technology Relating to Weapons of Mass Destruction and Advanced Conventional Munitions, 1 January Through 30 June 2003,” 11/10/03. CIA sent to Congress November 10 in accordance with the 1997 Intelligence Authorization Act, reviews foreign country acquisitions of dual-use and other technology useful for the development of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and advanced conventional weapons (ACW). To that end, the report reviews the weapons programs of Iran, North Korea, Libya, Syria, and Sudan. The report does not address Iraq due to the effort currently under way there to address outstanding questions regarding its WMD capabilities. See: http://www.cia.gov/cia/reports/721_reports/jan_jun2003.htm

“N. Korean Nuclear Efforts Looking Less Threatening,” USA Today, 11/5/03, A18. “A U.S. intelligence official says the CIA, which has conducted extensive surveillance of North Korea, is “not certain there even is” a uranium-enrichment plant. He says North Korea may have overstated its capability as part of a strategy of “bluff and bluster to extract concessions from the United States.””

<http://pqasb.pqarchiver.com/USAToday/437814961.html?did=437814961&FMT=ABS&FMTS=FT&desc=N.+Korean+nuclear+efforts+looking+less+threatening>

“Japan's New Nationalism,” by [Eugene A. Matthews](#) (Senior Fellow, CFR), *Foreign Affairs*, November/December 2003, pp 74-90. “Ever since World War II, the slightest sign of nationalism in Japan has been

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widely denounced, at home and abroad. Recently, however, discussions that were once taboo -- including whether to rearm or even develop nuclear weapons -- have moved into the Japanese mainstream. Yet the country's critics need not be alarmed; a little healthy nationalism may be just what Japan, with its faltering economy, needs most."

<http://www.foreignaffairs.org/20031101faessay82608/eugene-a-matthews/japan-s-new-nationalism.html>

4) OPINION, REPORTS & STATEMENTS

COVER STORIES

NATIONAL JOURNAL – **“The Evolution Of Tom DeLay,”** 11/14/03. “In his first year as House majority leader, Tom DeLay has gone from a snarling enforcer to a measured strategist. But The Hammer hasn't gone soft. He's positioning himself for the speakership.”

<http://nationaljournal.com/members/news/2003/11/1114nj1.htm>

ECONOMIST – **“They say we're getting a democracy,”** 11/15/03. How America should promote its values in the Arab world, and how it shouldn't.

http://www.economist.com/printedition/displaystory.cfm?Story_ID=S%27%298%24%2CRO%5B%24%21%40%23%5C%0A

FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW – **“.JAPAN INC. A Rude Awakening,** After almost a decade of stagnation despite massive fiscal and monetary stimuli, Japan has seemed a lost cause. But there are clear signs of vigour as its top companies consolidate to compete better,” 11/13/03,

http://www.feer.com/articles/2003/0311_13/p052money.html

JAPAN

JAPAN-BUSINESS

“Corporate Japan Undergoes A Reawakening: Restructuring Efforts Lead To Higher Profits, Spurring An Economic Turnaround.” WSJ11/10/03, A14. For now, at least part of the catalyst for the reawakening is the message of opportunity and threat from Japan's neighbors.”

“Business Performance of Japanese Corporations and Future Prospects of the Japanese Economy,”

(Abridged) by Akio Mikuni, President, Mikuni & Co., Ltd., 11/7/03, Foreign Press Center of Japan Briefing.

<http://www.fpcj.jp/e/gyouji/br/2003/031107.html>

JAPAN-ECONOMY

“Rising Sun: After Long Decline, Japan's Economy Is Stirring To Life: Upbeat Outlook On Bad Loans, Land Prices, Deflation, Corporate Restructuring. Export Reliance Poses Risks.” WSJ11/10/03. A1. “A healthier Japan would have a huge implications on the rest of the world, restoring a vital engine to the global economy. There is no guarantee, however, that the country will be restored to the full bloom of economic health....Still, Japan is for now repairing its economy's shaky foundations in four important ways.” See:

http://www.soumu.go.jp/iken/zaisei/15data/jyoukyou_e.pdf

“Panel estimates 19 trillion yen needed for reprocessing spent nuclear fuel, undermining cost superiority of nuclear power; Grounds for calculation remain murky,” NIHON KEIZAI 11/12/03, p3, US Embassy Translation 11/13/03. Federation of Electric Power Companies (FEPC) (chaired by Kansai Electric Power Co., President Yosaku Fujii)

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JAPAN-FOREIGN POLICY

“Japan @ World: Koizumi diplomacy should shift gears to "attach weight to Asia instead of moving away from it",” By Yoichi Funabashi, *Asahi Shimbun* columnist, ASAHI 11/13/03, p13, US Embassy Translation 11/14/03.

Press Conference by the Press Secretary 14 November, 2003, MOFA

-Recent trip by Foreign Minister Yoriko Kawaguchi to Malaysia and Lao People's Democratic Republic
-Foreign Minister Kawaguchi's meetings with Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Dai Bingguo of China and with Minister of Foreign Affairs Kamal Kharrazi of Iran
-Signing of Japan-Viet Nam Investment Agreement

> <http://www.mofa.go.jp/announce/press/2003/11/1114.html>

Signing of Japan-Viet Nam Investment Agreement

> <http://www.mofa.go.jp/announce/announce/2003/11/1114.html>

Agreement between Japan and Viet Nam for the Liberalization, Promotion and Protection of Investment [PDF]

> <http://www.mofa.go.jp/region/asia-paci/vietnam/agree0311.pdf>

JAPAN-POLITICS

“Koizumi Coalition’s Majority Cut Amid Big Opposition Gains.” FT11/10/03, p3. “The election marks the beginning of what most analysts consider a genuine two party system after a half a century of near-total domination by the Liberal Democratic party.”

“Koizumi Coalition Wins Vote, But Now Must Contend With Stronger Opposition.” WSJ11/10/03, A14. “It would be fair to say that the LDP has lost the people’s trust,” said Naoto Kan, DPJ leader.

“Koizumi: The Enigma: Japan’s Prime Minister, Re-Elected This Week, Is Determined To Break With The Past.” FT11/15-16/03, W1. “Koizumi, who has been through a messy divorce, is adorned by women.” “Yasuhiro Tase, a newspaper columnist who has followed him as a friend and correspondent for 30 years, recently wrote a puzzled article entitled: What is Junichiro Koizumi?”

“Blocs of votes held by religious organizations coveted; LDP increasingly dependent on Soka-Gakkai,” YOMIURI 11/7/03, p4, US Embassy Translation 11/10/03.

“Exit poll analysis: 56% of floating votes cast for DPJ in proportional representation blocs; Unaffiliated voting population an engine for DPJ’s leap,” YOMIURI 11/10/03, p3, US Embassy Translation 11/12/03.

JAPAN-SECURITY

“Troop Issue Is Ignored As Rumsfeld Visits Tokyo.” NYT11/15/03, A6. “Mr. Rumsfeld focused on Japan’s financial contributions to a stabilization effort in Iraq that would depend for its success...on the resolve of America and its allies to outcast the violent attacks by Saddam Hussein’s loyalists.”

Rumsfeld’s comments, see: <http://www.defenselink.mil/transcripts/2003/tr20031114-secdef0876.html>.

JAPAN-SOCIETY & CULTURE

“Female career bureaucrats account for 19 percent of possible recruits in fiscal 2004: record number,” TOKYO SHIMBUN, 11/12/03, p3, US Embassy Translation 11/13/03.

“More than 100,000 Foreign Students in Japan,” NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, TOKYO REGIONAL OFFICE, November13, 2003, Report Memorandum #03-11. “The result of the survey conducted by MEXT

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(Ministry of Education, S&T) revealed that the number of foreign students marked 109,508 as of May 1, 2003, a record highest with an increase from the previous year by 14.6 percent. This means that the target of 100,000 Foreign Students set by the Government in 1983 was attained, taking 20 years. Lined up on top of the breakdown of the originating countries were 70,814 from China, followed by 15,871 from Korea, 4,235 from Taiwan, 2,002 from Malaysia, and 1,641 from Thailand.” See: <http://www.nsfokyo.org/rm03-11.html>

JAPAN-RELEVANT

CHINA-ECONOMY

“The World Must Learn to Live With A Wide-Awake China.” Martin Wolf (FT), Op-Ed, Ft11/12/03, p15. “The most adversely affected countries can do little about China’s rise, while those that can do something benefit most from it.”

UN World Investment Report, see: <http://www.un.org/Pubs/whatsnew/e03wir.htm>.

World Bank report, see: http://www-wds.worldbank.org/servlet/WDSContentServer/WDSP/IB/2003/06/30/000094946_03061804170193/Rendered/PDF/multi0page.pdf

“China Now Leads In New Demand For Oil, IEA Says.” WSJ11/14/03, A10. “The data obtained from International Energy Agency show that China’s oil use is expected to rise from 4.95 million barrels a day in 2002 to 5.39 million barrels a day this year, and 5.70 million barrels a day in 2004. The increasing Chinese demand for petroleum will account for 35% of the rise in world-wide demand this year and 30% in 2004.”

<http://www.iea.org/stats/files/mods.htm> (fee required).

CHINA-FOREIGN POLICY

“China’s Improving Image Challenges US In Asia.” WP11/15/03, A1. “The invasion of Iraq and the Bush administration’s approach to fighting terrorism have reinforced an image of the United States as heavy-handed and insensitive to the opinions of other nations, diplomats and analysts in Asia said. By contrast, they said, China has gone out of its way to ease fears among its neighbors and won points by emphasizing a multilateral approach to solving problems.”

CHINA-POLITICS

“No Exceptions For Democracy In China.” Ellen Bork (Deputy director of the Project of the New American Century), Op-Ed, WP11/15/03, A23. “Where China’s interest diverge from those of the United States, so will its actions. “Real friendship” cannot mask the incompatibility of a democratic government and a dictatorship.” See: <http://www.ned.org/events/anniversary/oct1603-Bush.html>.

CHINA-TRADE

“China Hits Record \$6bn Trade Surplus.” FT11/14/03, p7. “The 40 per cent year-on-year rise will help to ensure that China this year eclipses Japan to become the world’s third largest importer, behind Germany and the US.”

Trade statistics, see: <http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/statistics/highlights/monthly.html>.

FOREIGN POLICY

“The Armitage Doctrine.” Editorial, WSJ11/10/03, A16. “Has Iran been excused from the axis of evil?...But if Mr. Bush’s noble words last week are going to mean anything his administration is going to have to be clearer about the undemocratic nature of terror-supporting regimes and encouraging the forces of freedom that oppose them.”

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“Transcript: Rice: "Iraq is the Central Front in War on Terrorism" (Interview with KHOU-TV, Houston, Texas),” US State Dept, 11/12/03. “Iraq is now the central front in the war against global terrorism, National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice said in one of a series of television news interviews November 10.”
<http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0311b&L=WF-EASIA&P=R3993>

“Text: Bolton Says U.S. Is Actively Seeking to Curb Proliferation (Oct. 30, London: Warns that Iran, North Korea challenge nonproliferation efforts),” US State Dept 11/13/03. ““Rogue states such as Iran, North Korea, Syria, Libya and Cuba, whose pursuit of weapons of mass destruction makes them hostile to U.S. interests, will learn that their covert programs will not escape either detection or consequences,” says John Bolton, under secretary of state for arms control and international security. Addressing the Bruges Group in London October 30, Bolton said that “while we will pursue diplomatic solutions whenever possible, the United States and its allies must be willing to deploy more robust techniques, such as the interdiction and seizure of illicit goods, the disruption of procurement networks, sanctions, or other means.”” <http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0311b&L=WF-EASIA&P=R7740>

GLOBAL ECONOMY

“Plan For UN To Manage Internet ‘Will Be Shelved.’” FT11/10/03, p5. “[UN officials] expect governments to decide instead to continue talks on internet governance with the aim of reaching accord by 2005.” See:
<http://www.itu.int/wsis/>.

INDONESIA

“Understanding Indonesia, By Its Leaders And Its Gossip.” Book review of *Indonesian Destinies* by Theodore Friend (Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, \$35, 628pp). NYT11/15/03, A17. “In building the scenario leading to Suharto’s end, Mr. Friend dwells with some passion on the runaway corruption among the Indonesian elite and the failure of the World Bank and other international agencies to do much about it. ...for the most part, the international organizations looked the other way. The World Bank assessed its own performance in Indonesia as “marginally satisfactory” in the 1990’s. More accurate, Mr. Friend writes, would be “sharply disappointing.”

“Indonesia: TNI Move To Threaten Megawati?” Stratfor 11/11/03. “The Indonesian military has announced that it no longer will provide security services to foreign firms in the country. The move could help restore currently stalled U.S. military aid to Indonesia. Exiting the lucrative security business, however, is likely to cause dissent among the ranks, which could cause problems for President Megawati Sukarnoputri in the 2004 elections.”

INTELLIGENCE

“Surprise Word On Nuclear Gains By North Korea And Iran.” NYT11/12/03, A3. “Indications that a global watchdog [IAEA] has been fooled for years.”

CIA report, see: http://www.cia.gov/cia/reports/721_reports/jan_jun2003.htm#5.

IAEA report, see: <http://www.acronym.org.uk/docs/0311/Iran.pdf>

IRAN ISSUES

“UN Unit Details Iran’s Clandestine Nuclear Program: ‘No Evidence’ Of Arms Plans; Probe Continues.” WP11/11/03. A11. “In documents turned over to the IAEA last month, Iran presented a picture of its nuclear history that contrasts sharply with earlier pronouncements. After repeatedly denying having enriched uranium, Iran acknowledged in the documents that it enriched a small amount in 1999 and 2000 at Kalaye, a pilot plan in Iran once described as a watch factory.” IAEA report, see: <http://www.acronym.org.uk/docs/0311/Iran.pdf>.

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NORTH KOREA

"Senator Biden's Congressional Record comments on North Korea on the occasion of introducing Senate Resolution 256" and "Summary Report regarding Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC) staff Keith Luse and Frank Jannuzi's August 21-September 2, 2003 trip to North Korea" Nautilus Institute, November 14, 2003. See: http://www.nautilus.org/pub/ftp/napsnet/special_reports/SFRC-DPRKvisit.txt

OBITUARY

"Derk Bodde, 94, A Longtime Scholar On China." NYT11/13/03, A29. "During the 1948-1949 academic year, he was in Beijing as a Fulbright research fellow, the first Fulbright scholar.... While there, Dr. Bodde saw power pass from the Nationalist government to the Communists. He kept a diary which became the book, "Peking Diary: A Year of Revolution" (Henry Schuman, 1950), the first full-length account of the Chinese revolution by a neutral observer."

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

"Spintronics Research in Korea," ATIP03.058, 11/03. "Spintronics, short for spin-based electronics, refers to the field of microelectronics associated with the development of devices that function by using the spin of the electron. Spintronics may represent the beginning of a new multibillion-dollar industry and might lead to quantum microchips. The present report summarizes spintronics research in Korea, including current programs and budgets." For a summary including a table of contents:

<http://www.atip.org/public/atip.reports.03/atip03.058.pdf>

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http://www.atip.org/REPORTSMATRIX/public/year2003_total.html

SECURITY

"Terrorist Threat To Shipping Still High As Authorities Slow To Implement Security Code." FT11/13/03, p4. "Concern has grown that al-Qaeda has realized how vulnerable shipping is." International Maritime Organization (IMO) Dec 2002 International Ship and Port Facility Security (SPS) Code: http://www.imo.org/publications/contents.asp?doc_id=1231&topic_id=426&header=false&margin=no&pagestring=doc_id^1246|topic_id^426|header^false|margin^no|letter^I&productcode=I116E

"Naval Ship Spending to Increase in Asia Pacific, Defense Experts Say," Agence France Presse, 11/11/03. "Asian governments are set to dramatically increase their maritime defense forces with growing economies, regional tensions and terrorism to drive the surge, defense industry experts said here Monday. Governments in the Asia Pacific will spend a combined US\$14 billion on new naval ships in 2009, double the figure for this year, according to Robin Keil, senior vice president with U.S.-based naval analysts AMI International [<http://www.amiinter.com>] <http://www.taiwansecurity.org/AFP/2003/AFP-111103.htm>

"Final Funding Legislation on Administration's Nuclear Weapons Initiatives," American Institute of Physics, FYI Number 147: November 13, 2003. "Final legislation has been developed in the House and Senate that responds to the Bush Administration's nuclear weapons initiatives. The FY 2004 Energy and Water Development appropriations bill contains language and funding supportive of the Administration's requests regarding the development of the Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator, Advanced Concepts, and the readiness posture of the Nevada test site." <http://www.aip.org/enews/fyi/2003/147.html>

G-8 Effort to Prevent WMD Proliferation Needs More Funding, Researchers Say," Global Security Newswire, 11/14/03. "Strengthening the Global Partnership project, partnership nations have provided "inadequate and short-sighted" funding to adequately combat WMD proliferation threats. While partnership members have so far pledged \$18.6 billion to the effort, this figure does not represent actual national funding allocations, the report says. It also says that the pledged funding is for projects designed to be carried out over the 10-year course of the partnership

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rather than immediate work, and that much of the pledged funding is for projects that were initiated before the launch of the partnership.” http://www.nti.org/d_newswire/issues/2003_11_14.html#2BD8C7EF

See: Global Partnership Update, November 2003.

http://www.sgproject.org/publications/GP_update_2_&Supplemental.pdf

SOUTH ASIA

“Dark Days In Shangri-La.” Samrat Upadhyay (author, “The Guru of Love,” Indiana U), Op-Ed, NYT10/10/03, A23. “How Nepal became South Asia’s newest time bomb...For year Nepalis suffered under absolute monarchy, which provided the foundation for Maoist ideologues to garner support among the oppressed. The only way out of this quagmire is more democracy, not less.”

“India Docking Underlines Thaw With China.” FT11/13/03, p6. “These exercises are a sign that China is developing a much more balanced view of relations with south Asia,” said one Indian official. Indian Navy flotilla docks at Shanghai, after joint naval exercise.

“China and India Move Closer, Seeing Trade Gains.” WSJ11/11/03, A16. “Indian and Chinese diplomats say they want to hammer out a comprehensive agreement to resolve other conflicts involving their 2,200 mile border, and have assigned special envoys to work out a deal. ...Improved ties are also propelling rapidly expanding commercial links between two of the world’s fastest-growing economies...Chinese companies hope tie-ups with such Indian ventures can help them gain access to the North American market, says Meng Lin, an official at China’s Qilu Software Zone.”

“Kumaratunga Warns Working With PM ‘Almost Impossible.’” FT11/15-16/03, p5. “I Have two choices. Either I shut up and go home...or I stay here and do what has to be done. In order to do so, I have to join hands with the [Sri Lankan] prime minister,” said Ms. Kumaratunga.

SOUTH KOREA

“South Korea Is Not Trying To Weaken The Won.” Kwon Tae-Shin, (deputy finance minister for international affairs, South Korea), Op-Ed, FT11/13/03, p13. “The global trade imbalance reflects a structural, system-wide problem. It is not just a consequence of exchange rates that have failed to keep pace with economic development.”

SOUTHEAST ASIA

“Sanctions On Burma: Do Not Expect Dramatic Results From BAT’s Withdrawal.” Editorial, FT11/10/03, p12. “Burma is an easy sacrifice for a company eager to show it is on the side of the angels.”

“Cutting Off Military Assistance to Malaysia Is Counterproductive” by Dana R. Dillon, Heritage Foundation, Executive Memorandum #905, 11/7/03. <http://www.heritage.org/Research/AsiaandthePacific/EM905.cfm>
Printer-Friendly - <http://www.heritage.org/Research/AsiaandthePacific/loader.cfm?url=/commonspot/security/getfile.cfm&PageID=51956>

STEEL

“US Tariffs On Steel Are Illegal, World Trade Organization Says: President Must Decide Whether To Defy Decision.” NYT11/11/03, A1. “President Bush is placed in a difficult domestic political spot on foreign trade.”

WTO ruling, see: http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/dispu_e/248_259_abr_e.doc.

“US Steel Tariffs Ruled Illegal, Sparking Potential Trade War: WTO Rejects US Appeal; Hot Issue For White House As EU Promises Retaliation.” WSJ11/11/03, A1. “This is as close to a real trade war as we’ve had for a while...and unless they fix it, the administration is open to attack that its foreign economic policy is shambles,” said Gary Hufbauer, a trade expert, Institute for International Economics.

US International Trade Commission reports, see: <http://www.usitc.gov/pub3632/pub3632.htm>.

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“The White House Steel Trap.” Editorial, NYT11/11/03, A22. “President Bush should cut his losses, abide by the WTO. decisions and lift the tariffs, even if it means angering the very steel workers he set out to woo.”

“Bush’s Steel Opening.” Editorial, WSJ11/11/03, A18. “The US goes 0-2 on tariffs. How about repeal?”

Statement by the Press Secretary on the WTO Appellate Body Report on the U.S. Steel Safeguard Measures, MOFA, <http://www.mofa.go.jp/announce/announce/2003/11/1111.html>

“Worldwide Shortage of Steel Forecast.” FT11/10/03, p15. “Helping the upward trend has been the consolidation in the steel industry driven by recent mergers that have increased the size of the largest companies, giving them greater pricing power.”

Steel demand report, see: http://www.worldsteeldynamics.com/matrix_ad3.html.

Steel price index forecasts, see: <http://66.129.120.107/>.

TAIWAN

“Beijing Vents Anger At Taiwan Leader’s US Visit.” FT11/13/03, p6. “Chen Shui-bian’s visit had a very obvious goal – he wants to split China, to sabotage Sino-US relations, to prepare for his second term and continue the administration of the Democratic Progressive party in Taiwan,” said Li Wei-yi, spokesman for the Chinese cabinet’s Taiwan affairs office.

“Chen Wants New Taiwan Constitution by 2008,” Straits Times, 11/12/03. “In an attempt to boost his re-election chances, President Chen Shui-bian yesterday risked provoking China further by making it clear he was seeking a brand new Constitution for Taiwan, not just revisions to the present one. Speaking to American scholars from Brookings Institution think tank, he said the current Constitution, already revised six times, was a 'badly torn' book no longer suitable for the island.” <http://www.taiwansecurity.org/ST/2003/ST-121103-1.htm>

“What's Next for Taiwan If Chen Is Re-elected?” By Raymond Wu (East Asian Institute), Straits Times, 11/12/03. While Washington is advised to remain strategically ambiguous, it may need to be situationally more clear in future. A signal or message wrongly perceived by either Beijing or Taipei could bring forth reactions and consequences that would destabilise the status quo and make an already volatile issue unmanageable.” <http://www.taiwansecurity.org/ST/2003/ST-121103.htm>

TRADE

“US Trade Deficit Swells 4/4% With Chinese Imports Surging.” WSJ11/14/03. A2. “China’s booming sales will undoubtedly increase pressure on Beijing to loosen its tight control on the national currency. Many members of Congress and US manufacturers believe China is maintaining an unfair trade advantage by keeping the yuan undervalued.” US Census Bureau monthly trade figures, see: <http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/Press-Release/2003pr/09/exh1.pdf>.

Annual Report (2003) of the Textiles Monitoring Body, WTO, 10/28/03. G/L/650. 12pgs. Global trade in clothing grew by 4 percent last year, to reach \$201 billion; that represented a recovery from the 2 percent contraction in trade the previous year. However, the recovery was not felt evenly around the world: Major exporters including China and Turkey saw strong growth in their apparel exports, while countries such as the U.S., Indonesia and South Korea recorded large contractions. Find report as a link on this page: http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/texti_e/texti_e.htm

5) WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

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URL: <http://www.satp.org/>

6) KEY & QUICK NEWS LINKS

*****Many are by subscription*****

- *Asahi Shimbun (AS): <http://www.asahi.com>
- *BBC Online: <http://news.bbc.co.uk>
- *Economist (EC): <http://www.economist.com>
- *Far Eastern Economic Review (FEER): <http://www.feer.com>
- *Financial Times (FT): <http://www.FT.com>
- *Inside U.S. Trade (IUST): <http://www.insidetrade.com>
- *Japan Digest (JD): <http://www.japandigest.com>
- *New York Times (NYT): <http://www.nytimes.com>
- *Nikkei (NK): <http://www.nni.nikkei.co.jp>
- *Oriental Economist (OE): <http://www.orientaleconomist.com>
- *Wall Street Journal (WSJ): <http://www.wsj.com>
- *Washington Post (WP): <http://www.washingtonpost.com>
- *Yomiuri On-line (YM): <http://www.yomiuri.co.jp/index-e.htm>

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