

Normalizing Relations with China

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[Whiting says the U.S. "should negotiate the complete normalization of relations with China before the death of Chairman Mao Tse-tung further complicates the political scene in Peking. .... The main problem is our relationship with Taiwan. Our diplomatic recognition and defense commitment are incompatible with the understandings reached in the 1972 Shanghai Communique .... However, what Peking terms 'the Japanese formula' provides a solution to the impasse. This would involve termination of our defense treaty and all formal diplomatic ties with Taiwan while continuing to maintain trade, travel and economic relationships unimpaired."