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We think that the democratic government of China must not reject establishing official relations with some of the capitalist countries, including the United States, if these states officially abandon [their] military, trade, and political support of Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist government. This condition is necessary because of the following considerations.

At the present time, the policy of the United States is aimed at splitting China into the south, middle, and north, with three [distinct] governments. Meanwhile, the United States is supporting Nationalist governments is southern and central [China] - it seems that it does not even oppose supporting the democratic [i.e., Communist] north-eastern government - so that these governments will fight against each other and weaken each other, to the profit of the United States. Accordingly, we think that of you want to have a unified China headed by Communists, you ought to establish relations with only those capitalist governments that officially abandon [their] support of the Nanjing and Canton[Guangzhou] groups [in the middle and south].

We think that you should not reject foreign loans and trade with the capitalist countries on certain conditions. The main thing is that loans and trade must not impose any conditions. The main thing is that the loans and trade must not impose any economic and financial conditions on China that could be used to limit the national sovereignty of the democratic state and to strangle [its] domestic industry.