



**PacNet 51B: Reader Feedback: What Do You Think?**

During his meeting with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao last week, President Bush said: “We oppose any unilateral decision, by either China or Taiwan, to change the status quo. And the comments and actions made by the leader of Taiwan indicate that he may be willing to make decisions unilaterally that change the status quo, which we oppose.”

PacNet 51 argues that President Bush went too far in appeasing China at Taiwan’s expense while PacNet 51A argues that Bush’s comments were appropriate and may actually have been too little, too late; that stronger words may be needed given Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian’s attempt to play domestic politics with cross-Strait (and U.S.-Taiwan) relations in advance of Taiwan’s upcoming March 2004 presidential elections. For those readers who missed our survey at the end of that PacNet, or have not yet responded, we still want to know what you think. Please take a minute to check the below boxes and, if you like, feel free to also add a brief commentary.

1. President Bush’s comments

went too far

were appropriate

should have been stronger

2. Nationality

U.S.     Taiwan     PRC     Other

3. Brief Comments (optional):