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Furnish this exhibit for EACH foreign principal listed in an initial statement and for EACH additional foreign principal acquired subsequently.

1. Name and address of registrant Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand, Chartered 901 15th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005	2. Registration No. 3712
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3. Name of foreign principal Republic of China (Taiwan)	4. Principal address of foreign principal Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States 4201 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 200016
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5. Indicate whether your foreign principal is one of the following:

- Foreign government
- Foreign political party
- Foreign or domestic organization: If either, check one of the following:
 - Partnership
 - Corporation
 - Association
 - Committee
 - Voluntary group
 - Other (specify) _____
- Individual-State nationality _____

6. If the foreign principal is a foreign government, state:

- a) Branch or agency represented by the registrant. Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States
- b) Name and title of official with whom registrant deals. Representative Stephen S.F. Chen

7. If the foreign principal is a foreign political party, state: N/A

- a) Principal address.
- b) Name and title of official with whom registrant deals.
- c) Principal aim

8. If the foreign principal is not a foreign government or a foreign political party, N/A

a) State the nature of the business or activity of this foreign principal

b) Is this foreign principal

Supervised by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal Yes No

Owned by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal Yes No

Directed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal Yes No

Controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal Yes No

Financed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal Yes No

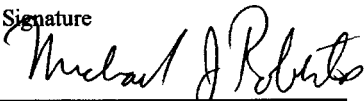
Subsidized by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal Yes No

9. Explain fully all items answered "Yes" in Item 8(b). *(If additional space is needed, a full insert page must be used.)*

N/A

10. If the foreign principal is an organization and is not owned or controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party or other foreign principal, state who owns and controls it.

N/A

Date of Exhibit A	Name and Title Michael J. Roberts President & Managing Attorney	Signature 
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INSTRUCTIONS: A registrant must furnish as an Exhibit B copies of each written agreement and the terms and conditions of each oral agreement with his foreign principal, including all modifications of such agreements, or, where no contract exists, a full statement of all the circumstances by reason of which the registrant is acting as an agent of a foreign principal. One original and two legible photocopies of this form shall be filed for each foreign principal named in the registration statement and must be signed by or on behalf of the registrant.

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3. Name of foreign principal Republic of China (Taiwan)	

Check Appropriate Boxes

4. The agreement between the registrant and the above-named foreign principal is a formal written contract. If this box is checked, attach a copy of the contract to this exhibit.
5. There is no formal written contract between the registrant and the foreign principal. The agreement with the above-named foreign principal has resulted from an exchange of correspondence. If this box is checked, attach a copy of all pertinent correspondence, including a copy of any initial proposal which has been adopted by reference in such correspondence.
6. The agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal is the result of neither a formal written contract nor an exchange of correspondence between the parties. If this box is checked, give a complete description below of the terms and conditions of the oral agreement or understanding, its duration, the fees and expenses, if any, to be received.

7. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.

Performance of the above-mentioned agreement is set forth in the attached letter of agreement received by Registrant on January 6, 1998.


8. Describe fully the activities the registrant engages in or proposes to engage in on behalf of the above foreign principal.

The activities to be engaged in by the Registrant on behalf of the foreign principal are set forth in the attached letter of agreement received by the Registrant on January 6, 1998. The Registrant will engage in activities on behalf of the foreign principal that do not require registration under the Act. The Registrant is registering because some of its activities may require such registration.

9. Will the activities on behalf of the above foreign principal include political activities as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act and in the footnote below? Yes No

If yes, describe all such political activities indicating, among other things, the relations, interests or policies to be influenced together with the means to be employed to achieve this purpose.

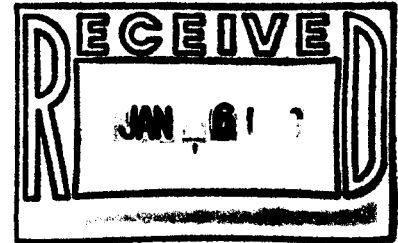
The Registrant may engage in political activities on behalf of the foreign principal. The Registrant's activities may include communications on behalf of the foreign principal with Executive Branch officials, officials of government agencies, and with members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives and their staff relating to actions of the Legislative and Executive Branches of government agencies that may affect or relate to the foreign principal.

Date of Exhibit B	Name and Title Michael J. Roberts President & Managing Atty.	Signature 
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Footnote: Political activity as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act means any activity which the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political interest, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

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December 1, 1997

The Honorable Stephen S.F. Chen
Representative
Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States
4201 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20016

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CHAMBERS STREET

Dear Mr. Chen:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the retention of Verner, Lipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand, Chartered (the "Firm") by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States on behalf of the government of the Republic of China on Taiwan ("ROC"). The terms and conditions of our retention, and the Firm's billing practices, are described below.

The Firm will serve as your principal Washington counsel on various business and governmental matters of importance and interest to the ROC and business interests in Taiwan. Our primary task will be to establish and strengthen channels of communication with leadership in the Clinton Administration and the Congress.

This agreement is effective December 1, 1997. ROC agrees to pay the Firm a monthly retainer for professional services rendered in the amount of \$30,000 per month for a period of six months, at which time we shall mutually evaluate our relationship as we proceed to the next level of service. ROC also agrees to pay the Firm all reasonable expenses, not to exceed \$20,000 for the six-month period. At the end of the six-month period, the retainer will continue on a month-to-month basis unless terminated at ROC's request.

The Firm will invoice ROC at standard hourly rates for partners (ranging from \$525.00 to \$200.00), associates (ranging from \$240.00 to \$115.00), and other

employees of the firm to be credited against the retainer. Out-of-pocket expenses will be billed as described below. Method of payment shall be in U.S. dollars transmitted by wire transfer to the Firm's account (see attached wire transfer instructions).

In the event the Firm's charges, based on its hourly rates, exceed the amount of the monthly retainer, ROC will also be obligated to pay the amount above the retainer, provided, however, that the Firm will be required to apprise ROC during the month(s) in question that the value of the work required is expected to exceed the level of the retainer.

Our Firm's policies and procedures require that I set forth in this letter the following information with respect to our billing procedures.

It is our policy to provide our clients with the most effective support systems available and to allocate the costs of those support systems in accordance with their usage. In addition to fees for professional services, a billing statement is provided which includes the costs incurred in the course of our representation of ROC's interests, such as long distance telephone; facsimile, messenger and other communications costs; travel expenses, including the cost of transportation, meals and lodging; document retrieval costs; staff overtime; computer research facilities; and document production on our word processing system. Such statement will also contain the names of the persons providing services, their billing rate, a brief description of the service provided and date the service was rendered. Large disbursement billings, should they occur, may be forwarded to you for direct payment, or we may ask you to advance sufficient funds to cover the expenses of unusually large disbursements.

Our billing statements are rendered on a monthly basis. If you have any questions about the bill, please let us know promptly. Our statements are due and payable upon receipt, and we expect bills to be paid in full within 30 days of the statement date.

All of our lawyers, consultants and legal assistants are bound by and strictly adhere to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals Rules of Professional Conduct and all laws and regulations governing lawyers, lobbyists and foreign agents applicable to representation of clients in the Executive Branch, U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate.

As you know, the breadth of the Firm's practice is such that we may from time to time concurrently represent one client in a particular case or matter and an adversary of that client in such case or matter in an unrelated case or matter if it is the Firm's professional judgment that we can undertake the concurrent representation impartially and without any adverse effect on our other responsibilities to either client. In such eventuality, the Firm will consult with ROC about such concurrent representation, and ROC shall not unreasonably

withhold its consent thereto. Notwithstanding the above, by entering into this agreement, the Firm agrees not to represent the government of the People's Republic of China, but retains the ability to represent purely commercial interests based in the PRC. Depending on the nature of the firm's activities, we may have to file specific disclosure statements with the U.S. Government covering these activities.

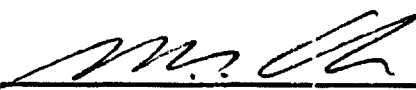
We eagerly look forward to the privilege of working with you in enhancing the ROC's already well-earned reputation within the community of nations. If this letter accurately describes the agreement between the Republic of China on Taiwan and Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand, please countersign and date below and return it to me.

Sincerely yours,

VERNER, LIIPFERT, BERNHARD,
MCPHERSON & HAND, CHARTERED


By: BERL BERNHARD

REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON TAIWAN

By: 
Name: Stephen S. F. Chen
Title: Representative, TECRO
Jan. 6, 1998