Celebrating the Massacre of Tiananmen Square

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President Bill Clinton's projected trip to China later this month, and to Tiananmen Square on the ninth anniversary of the massacre of the students there, will be a national embarrassment. Clinton's trip will pay homage to the Butchers of Beijing who crushed liberty in China and who now have targeted thirteen of their CSS-4 long-range missiles against American cities.

It will serve him right if the television networks embellish coverage of his trip by playing over and over again the pictures of the democracy-demonstrating students gunned down by Communist tanks in 1989.

What kind of gifts will Clinton take to his Communist hosts? He had planned to take a blanket waiver of the sanctions imposed after the Tiananmen Square killings, a waiver that would allow China to launch U.S. satellites without case-by-case Presidential review.

He had also considered lifting the ban that prevents the Overseas Private Investment Corporation from guaranteeing U.S. investments in China, and prevents the Trade and Development Agency from financing "feasibility studies of overseas projects." Both these corporate welfare projects are paid for by U.S. taxpayers, and lifting the ban would be financially valuable to the Chinese.

Fortunately, it looks like Congress is finally waking up to its constitutional responsibility to provide for the common defense. On May 20, the House voted 364 to 54 to ban the export of all satellites to China.

And, by 417 to 4, the House passed a "sense of the Congress" resolution warning Clinton not to enter into any new agreements with China involving space or missile technology during his trip to Beijing. The resolution also rebuked Clinton by declaring that his decision to issue the waiver to Loral Space and Communications earlier this year was "not in the national interest of the United States," and instructed the President to indefinitely suspend all U.S. satellite exports to China, including a pending Loral deal.

Congress is starting to realize that American national security is at stake because Communist China views the United States as its major adversary, and its military strength has been rapidly growing. Bill Clinton has helped China to greatly improve the accuracy and reliability of its intercontinental ballistic missiles by providing U.S. technology, despite the objections of the U.S. State Department, Defense Department, Justice Department, and intelligence agencies.

Because China shared U.S. technology and equipment with Pakistan, Clinton is also responsible for India starting a nuclear race in Asia. India has fought three wars with its neighbor, Pakistan, since the end of World War II and looks upon Pakistan's new military capabilities as a direct threat.

The fact that Clinton personally issued the waivers that allowed Communist China to target its missiles at American cities is grounds for impeachment, regardless of whether or not there was any quid pro quo for those decisions. The policy decisions were, on their face, dangerous to U.S. national security. But the way Clinton did this, and why he did it, weaves a fascinating fabric of scandal.

Bernard Schwartz, Loral Space's CEO, made a $100,000 contribution to the Democratic National Committee in 1994. He then joined a Ron Brown trip to China that led to a $250 million telecommunications deal for Loral's satellites to be launched by Chinese rockets.

On Feb. 15, 1996, a Chinese "Long March" rocket blew up while attempting to launch a Loral satellite. Without telling the U.S. Government, Loral scientists prepared a 200-page report advising China how to improve the guidance of its missiles and forwarded this helpful advice despite Pentagon objections.

The rationale for allowing U.S. satellites to be launched by Chinese rockets is that the technology is safely locked up in a black box, and Americans monitor the launch to assure that it stays secured. But when the Long March rocket blew up, the parts were scattered, and the Pentagon has refused comment on the Drudge report that the Loral engineers who reviewed the recovered debris said that the encryption hardware was missing.

The CIA said that China's targeting of its missiles at U.S. cities was made more accurate by Loral's unauthorized help. The Justice Department started a criminal investigation of Loral, and the State Department warned that Loral's actions had been "criminal, likely to be indicted, knowing and unlawful."

After intense White House debate, Clinton signed another waiver this year allowing Loral Space to export a satellite that is scheduled to be launched by the Chinese in November.

The calendar provides an objective frame of reference. When Clinton's policy decisions that so dramatically benefited China's military capability and Loral's corporation profits, and the hundreds of thousands of campaign donations from the Chinese government and from Loral, are all placed on the calendar, the sequence shows a pattern of corruption that simply cannot be ignored.