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Subject Re: MOU - Taiwan

At 11:38 AM 11/9/2004 -0500, you wrote:

>Regarding the MOU.pdf that was forwarded, there are some adjustments that
>we would like to see:

Before you exert more efforts in refining the document, here are some
general comments from me.

1) The document should be called "Geophysics Department Appendix to the
>Memorandum of Understanding," since the MOU is a completely different
>document. The MOU is between Universities, not departments, and is signed
>by the Presidents. That document provides a collaborative umbrella, under
>which the two Geophysics Departments may make their own arrangements .
Can you first do your home work and check what the departments are called?
Neither university has a department with the name "geophysics".
Please enlighten me also as to why in your dictionary MOU cannot be used as
a generic term, and since when is it defined as only "between Universities,
not departments, and is signed by the Presidents"

Besides these cosmetic changes we agree with the essence of the document: A
>collaboration between SBU and our international colleagues.

These are not cosmetic changes, but involve certain fundamental questions
on many ongoing exchanges between research groups and departments. My
intention is to make you office aware of it, but definitely not to draft an
exchange agreement for the whole university which indeed is your mandate.

>A draft of a Taiwan to SBU MOU and SEA, will be sent to you shortly for
>your review.

That's really a matter for your office, and I don't have any intention to
have further unnecessary involvement with this matter.

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