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Dear Prof. Balazs:

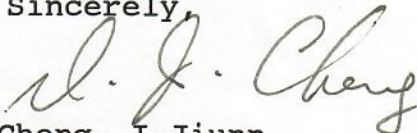
Thank you for your letter on November 24. We saw your publication in the Marine Turtle Newsletter (No. 61), and I used your figure of migratory route to inspire the audience on the subject of satellite remote tracking on the marine turtle in a scientific meeting. Believe me, they love that idea very much.

How is your tagged turtles at the Rose Atoll? According to the suggestions from the Telonic manufacturer, we are going to use ST-6 model transmitter (made by the Telonic Inc.), instead of ST-3 model. We have purchased one transmitter already, and in the process of obtaining the other one. Currently, I am applying the permission from the Argos Operation Committee at France to use their satellite data. Mr. Chen is busy looking for the proper attachment material in the local hardware stores, and I believed that he has located on in Taipei. Do you have any suggestions on the tips of PTT attachment? Because Mr. Chen is going to apply the Ph.D. program next fall, we are preparing 2 manuscripts (one is on the nesting ecology, the other one is on the conservation biology) on his works to get enough graduate credits. Would you please review our manuscripts after the drafts are finished?

I have enough travel money from my grant to cover your stay in Taiwan. However, the Council of Agriculture also has a visiting scholar program that I can apply to support you, more comfortable, in here. It pays US \$ 125-140 per day (include lodging and travel), up to 10 days visit. Would you please Fax first then mail, as soon as possible, your C.V. to me. Then I can apply this program for you immediately. Because the nesting season of the green turtle will not start until sometimes in June, the best time for you to visit us will be the begining of next July.

Thank you again for your kindness to offer the knowledge on the conservation biology and the helps on the transmitter attachment. The success of attachment is vital to the satellite tracking program. Attach to this letter are some of your publications that we are interested and marked with ✓ . Can we have a copy of them ? I look forward to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "I. J. Cheng". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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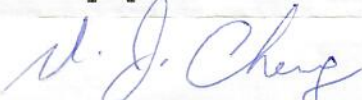
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To whom it may concern:

This is the letter to invite Mr. G.H. Balazs to participate and assist me with the satellite telemetry and other researches and conservation aspects of sea turtles from August 23 to September 1, 1994. It is also our interests in developing cooperative research projects between Hawaii facilities and my laboratory that could involve ROC researchers working with Mr. Balazs in Hawaii. The Council of Agriculture of ROC will cover the domestic expanses of Mr. Balazs in Taiwan for his cooperative scientific visiting.

If you have any question, please feel free to contact me. My phone number is (886)-2-4622192 exit 5303, my fax number is (886)-2-4633152.

Truly yours



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Dear Dr. Cheng:

Thank you for your cordial letter of November 12, 1993. I am pleased to be of assistance to you and your graduate student, Mr. Tien-Hsi Chen. I also appreciate your invitation to me to give seminars on sea turtle ecology and conservation while in Taiwan. I look forward to this opportunity.

Earlier this month I was able to deploy three satellite transmitters on green turtles nesting at remote Rose Atoll in American Samoa. This site is uninhabited, except for nesting turtles and seabirds. In the past, many green turtles are believed to have nested there. But now the turtles are fewer in number. We camped on the island for four nights during which time only seven turtles came ashore. The transmitters I attached appear to be working perfectly. However, all three of the turtles are still at Rose Atoll and have not yet started to migrate to their resident foraging pastures, which may be in the Fiji Islands.

The transmitters we have successfully used for the past two years are the ST-3 model, made by Telonics Inc. Do you intend to use this same unit in Mr. Chen's program?

I have never been to Taiwan, but have always had the desire to visit your country. I was not previously aware of your small nesting colony of green turtles. This is very interesting and worthy of strong research and conservation efforts. I currently have a pre-paid round trip airline ticket to Tokyo and Taipei. I would like to use it to help with your satellite tracking study, if you continue to have the desire for such assistance. I would need to know your preferred schedule for my travel, the length of time needed on the island, and the kinds of support (lodging, travel within Taiwan) you might be able to offer to me once I arrive in Taipei. I would be travelling on my own and not under the financial sponsorship of the National Marine Fisheries Service.



I look forward to hearing from you and Mr. Chen again, as your plans develop.

Sincerely,

George H. Balazs  
Zoologist

cc Dr. Karen Bjorndal, IUCN-MTSG Chair