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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of the United States Congress

FROM: Nathan Bronson
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SUBJECT: **Developing Situation and International Relations in the South China Sea Update #3**

Following the PRC's denial of humanitarian assistance to the Taiwanese flagged vessel, the PRC Navy has boarded the vessel. Upon boarding the vessel, the PRC Navy has claimed that it has discovered sophisticated spying equipment of American origin.

The PRC Navy is now claiming that the vessel is an undercover American spy vessel disguised as a Taiwanese fishing boat. Intercepted communications from Beijing are indicating that the PRC is considering how to respond to the situation.

Our intelligence indicates that the PRC is considering removing Taiwan's president and is readying its fleet. The intelligence community believes it is of utmost importance for the US to find the best way to respond to these allegations and prevent the situation from escalating further.