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It is my belief that Dr. Chang's proposed work would fully support the NRC's mission and the Human Factors and Reliability Branch's goal of enhancing the state-of-the-art in human factors and human reliability analysis. Therefore, as Dr. Chang's Branch Chief, I authorize Dr. Chang to represent the NRC and charge the agency for his time preparing for and attending the above meetings. The purpose of Dr. Chang's trip to Taiwan is primarily for personal vacation, and he specifically requested not to seek a travel reimbursement; therefore, I will respect his wishes, and will not authorize a travel reimbursement for these meetings. Upon completion of his travel, Dr. Chang will prepare a trip report summarizing the above meetings.

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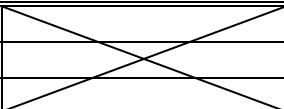
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