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Former vice secretary of the National Security Council (NSC) Parris Chang recently wrote in the Formosa Post that NSC Secretary-General Su Chi visited China in 2005 when he was serving as a Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT) legislator and that he was looked after by the Chinese government.

During his stay, he gave a speech at a Chinese Communist Party (CCP) school in which he spoke out against the US government's sale of military items to Taiwan, a move that caused the US to suspect Su's allegiance, Chang said.

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Chang said that apart from staying at a residence for senior party officials for three days, Su also made a speech to dozens of senior party members, leaders of the People's Liberation Army and other senior national defense officials.

Chang said that Su openly attacked the US for selling military supplies to Taiwan and also criticized Washington for interfering in the peaceful resolution of cross-strait affairs. Chang said that this made the US suspicious of Su's political opinions.

Su, who is currently in Panama with President Ma Ying-jeou, rejected Chang's accusation, saying that his opposition to arms procurements was based on a referendum that showed a majority of Taiwanese did not approve of the sale.

Su said that he stood by his opposition, adding that he always showed respect for democracy, whether in Taiwan, China or the US.

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Meanwhile, reporters asked Ma during an interview whether he felt Su's younger brother, Su Yeong-chin ([]]]), had jeopardized national security by teaching constitutional law at China's Zhejiang University.

Ma said that he "didn't see that causing any problems at all."

Ma said that Su Chi's younger brother was an academic in public and civil law and that he had visited Beijing University and Tsinghua University several times as a professional, adding that his visits had nothing to do with the secretary-general.

Su Chi was also criticized after his wife, Chen Yue-ching, went to Beijing in April to promote her book.

Ma said Chen already promised that she would not go to China again.

Meanwhile, Su Chi said that Taiwan was a modern society in which everyone is entitled to

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freedom and that mutual respect is necessary.

He said he keeps his professional and private lives separate and does not talk to his wife about his work.

He also said that his wife does not talk to him about her affairs and that brothers and sisters may not necessarily know everything about each other.

Su Chi said this was what a modern society entails, compared with a feudal society, in which everyone would know one another's business.

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