I recently attended a number of conferences on Asian political and legal issues. The topic of Taiwan was discussed in some detail. I asked the views of over ten people, and I can offer a summary of what they said as follows –

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~~Well, a close examination of the legal record shows that Taiwan was still sovereign Japanese territory until the April 1952 peace treaty came into force.~~  So, this means that in late 1949, when the ROC moved its central government to occupied Taiwan, it was moving ***outside*** of China’s national territory. At that point, it immediately became a government in exile. Legally speaking, there is no way to interpret this as “Two Chinas,” because the ROC is neither a legitimate government for mainland China, nor for Taiwan.

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Yes, the Ryukyu island group is one specific example. United States Military Government jurisdiction over the Ryukyus and Taiwan are both confirmed by Article 4(b) of the treaty. Based on the records of military attacks on the Ryukyus and Taiwan in the WWII period, this is what we would expect.

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No, none.

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That is correct.

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