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“America had three kinds of interests in President Lee: democracy, trade, and security. Lee served the first by becoming the first directly elected Chinese chief executive, although he arguably also disserved democracy by identifying it with Taiwanese rather than Chinese nationalism in the eyes of PRC decision makers. He presided with qualms over a richly beneficial expansion of ROC-PRC-US trade. Both Lee and Beijing leaders disserved US security interest by refusing to take each other seriously enough to sign a truce. They push the US to take sides in their identity dispute, rather than just to keep the peace.” (Abstract from author.)