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November 28, 1974

Mr. Leon Ilutovich
Executive Director
Zionist Organization of America
ZOA House, 4 East 34th Street
New York, New York 10016

Dear Mr. Ilutovich:

You're a very thoughtful guy. I appreciated immensely your letter of November 12 with its good wishes. I will read your article carefully about the Chinese Jews of Kaifeng.

Life here is tremendously interesting -- very much different from my experience at the UN. Again, my thanks for your thoughtful letter.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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OFFICE OF THE
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November 12, 1974

The Honorable George Bush
U.S. Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ambassador Bush:

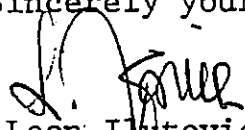
You may recall our meeting at the Annual ZOA Banquet in the New York Hilton way back in November 1972, where you graced our dais as the guest of honor.

Had it not been for my trip to Israel, I would have written much earlier to extend my congratulations on your appointment to head the U.S. Mission to China which, in the present international situation, is one of the highest diplomatic posts our country can offer. Having followed your public service, and especially the brilliant manner in which you represented the United States in the United Nations, I cannot think of anyone who is more eminently qualified to fill this all-important assignment.

It so happens that I spent five long years in China as a European war refugee, most of the time under Japanese occupation in Shanghai during World War II. My enclosed article on "The Chinese Jews of Kaifeng" (now a matter of ancient history) may be of interest to you, in view of your forthcoming trip to Peking. It was published in The American Zionist, the official monthly magazine of our Organization, some two years ago.

Wishing you every success and a safe trip, I am

Sincerely yours,


Leon Ilutovich
Executive Director

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Enc.

By Leon Ilutovich

The Chinese Jews of Kaifeng

DURING my long World War II peregrinations I arrived in China for what I thought would be a few months' stopover. Yet only four weeks after I landed in Shanghai, the night of Pearl Harbor came, and I awakened the following morning to see Japanese tanks patrolling the city. Thus any route of escape had been sealed off. This time I was stranded for good. After nine months in Japan my stay in the Far East was extended to six long years.

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From Shanghai, in December 1946, I went to Switzerland to attend the 22nd World Zionist Congress as delegate of the General Zionists in China, and immediately upon arrival in Basle I found myself surrounded by a group of newspaper correspondents curious to have a look at the "exotic" newcomer. They had apparently expected to meet a Jew whose appearance, name, and speech would leave no doubts of his Chinese origin. Their disappointment was obvious at discovering just one more Jew of European descent.

Quickly recovering from their disillusionment the journalists began to question me about my constituency. "Well," they said, "we now understand that you represent the European Jews in China. But what about those real Chinese Jews who have lived there for centuries? Where are they?"

It was the same intriguing question that I myself had had in mind when I came to China, and one which has been repeatedly and universally asked of me in this country. Here then is what I learned of the "real Chinese Jews."

THE STORY goes as far back as the first century C.E. when groups of Jews, probably remnants of the tribes of Israel, came to China from the Near East by way of Persia. At that period and in the course of the following centuries they traversed the continent of Asia as merchants engaged primarily in silk trade. According to another version these

Jews together with the Arabs later introduced cotton into China, a product that figures most prominently in Chinese trade and industry up to the present.

With the opening of maritime routes, Jewish merchants from India reached Canton and penetrated from the coast into the interior, settling in widely scattered places. Their biggest and most important center, however, had been set up during the twelfth century in the city of Kaifeng, in the northern province of Honan, where about a hundred Jewish families established themselves permanently, organized a community and erected the first synagogue on a site granted by the Chinese Emperor.

After the Mongols invaded and conquered China, the Jews for the first time appeared on the political scene and began to exert influence in government circles and in the army. Some of them were even appointed to high office and became part of the Mongolian bureaucracy which did not feel safe with the Chinese educated class and distrusted Confucianism. It was at this time that the almost legendary Marco Polo appeared among the many foreign-born who, besides the Jews, occupied positions of importance in the Mongol administration.

In many respects Jewish life under Mongol rule resembled on a small scale the magnificent era of the development of the Jewish communities under the Arabs in Spain. And although Jews never suffered persecution in China, here as in Spain their influence faded quickly, after the fall of the Mongol dynasties, the restoration of Chinese monarchy and the reestablishment of Confucianism, more powerful than ever before.

Yet their economic position was enhanced for several generations under the lenient and tolerant rule of Mongols and continued for a time under the Chinese. But along with the gathering of wealth and the enhancement of unhampered relations with the Chinese population the first symptoms of Jewish communal disintegration started to appear.

During the 14th, 15th and 16th centuries intermarriage and cultural assimilation proceeded rapidly, resulting in radical changes in the life of

Leon Ilutovich, National Executive Director of the Zionist Organization of America, spent the years 1941-46 in the Far East.

MAY 1972

this small community which struggled hard for the preservation of its national and religious identity against the constant pressure of an age-old culture, in a vast sea of hundreds of millions of Chinese.

IT SHOULD be recalled that during all this time the Chinese Jews were isolated from the rest of the Jewish world, which hardly knew of their existence. Even their link with the small Jewish communities in Southwestern Asia was cut after the Jews in China shifted from international trade to business on the local market. They heard nothing of the Inquisition, persecutions, and dispersions of their fellow-Jews in Europe. They spoke and dressed like Chinese, adopted Chinese customs and finally the children borne by their Chinese wives gradually introduced a strong Chinese element in their features. Their only connection with the past was expressed in their adherence to Jewish religious tradition and in the communal life around the temple at Kaifeng — the only place where organized Jewish life could ever be traced.

At the beginning of the 17th century a disastrous flood, a frequent catastrophe in China, levelled ancient Kaifeng almost to the ground. All the inhabitants and the Jews among them escaped. They returned later, decimated by famine and epidemics, to find their splendid synagogue ruined and most of the Holy Scriptures lost. They plunged into a magnificent effort to rebuild it, and according to reports of foreign travelers in the early 18th century, the new house of worship was again the spiritual center for the new faithful who gathered again in their unhappy home-town. Now very few in number and poor in means — all other Jewish communities in China had long since disappeared — the Jews of Kaifeng never regained their once flourishing state. It was the beginning of the end.

According to information I obtained in Shanghai, their last rabbi, who still knew a little Hebrew, died early in the 19th century and with his passing, Jewish religious services, the only means to attract the last Israelites of China to their faith and people, ended.

Some time later, the synagogue was sold to local Moslems who used its building material for a mosque. A few scrolls of the Pentateuch, the last remaining priceless treasure of Chinese Jews, were sold to Christian tourists towards the end of the 19th century.

Missionaries who visited Kaifeng on the eve of the First World War found an ancient memorial stone standing forlornly on the site of the ruined

synagogue. They bought it from the remaining Jews for the Mission of the Church of England in Kaifeng, where it was placed under one of the pavilions on the grounds of the Church. On its tablets, in Chinese characters, is engraved the old history of the tribes of Israel and a full account of the arrival of their children into the remote Chinese exile. One can find them there today, silent witnesses of a vanished Jewry in the great country of sorrow.

In 1900 a group of Sephardic Jews in Shanghai organized a committee with the aim of rescuing at least a few of the Jews of Kaifeng. They brought several of them to Shanghai, gave them some money, installed them in small business and cared for their purely religious re-education. It was a nice but futile gesture. In this case, history did not admit of any return.

TEN YEARS AGO I read in the London *Jewish Chronicle* of October 12, 1962 a letter by a Mrs. R. D. Abraham, formerly of Shanghai, then a resident of Hong Kong. She wrote that one of the Jews of Kaifeng named Lee was a friend of her family. He was buried in the Jewish cemetery in Shanghai, and a tombstone in Chinese was erected on his grave. His son Samuel was brought up by Mrs. Abraham's father and was educated at the Shanghai Jewish School. He returned to his native Kaifeng after the Second World War, and died there a few years ago.

A Jewish-English newspaperwoman told me of an incident which occurred to her in Shanghai on Yom Kippur Eve in 1940. Late in the afternoon, shortly before Kol Nidre, she dropped into a florist's. As she was choosing a basket of flowers, the Chinese owner hurried her, saying that he must close the store. When asked why the haste, he explained in a mixture of English and Chinese that on that night began his great holiday, with a fast which would continue until next sunset. She was baffled, and looked more closely at him trying in vain to trace some Jewish features in his face. She nevertheless understood. He was a Chinese Jew.

This is the story — a wistful chapter of a wandering people whose sons grew roots in a strange but hospitable land.

Perhaps the best answer to the question put to me by the newspapermen in Basle is given by Pearl Buck in the introduction to her beautiful novel *Peony*, devoted to the Chinese Jews, of whom she says: "Today even the memory of their origin is gone. They are Chinese." □



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December 12, 1974

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The Honorable George Bush
U. S. Liaison Office
Peking

Dear Mr. Bush:

Thanks for your note of December 5.

We'll be happy to get in touch immediately with a reliable framer and hope to complete the framing of these prints within a month or so. We will get three extra mats and have the back of the frames constructed in a way that makes changing them easy.

May I take this opportunity to convey to you and entire staff the very best wishes of the holiday season and a very happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Ivan Izenberg
Public Affairs Officer

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December 5, 1974

Mr. Ivan Izenberg
Public Affairs Officer
U.S. Consulate General
Hong Kong

Dear Mr. Izenberg:

Jim Keogh tells me he will send us some cheerful prints to cheer up our official residence.

Can you have these framed for us? I would like the back put on so that we can replace the pictures from time to time simply by changing the matting. Perhaps you could send us some extra mats.

Dillon Ripley of the Smithsonian sent me these prints and will be sending more which we can put in the frames to replace these.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

George Bush

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(Letter and prints taken
to Hong Kong by J. McCrory
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December 5, 1974

W. H. Jackson, Jr., President
World Evangelism Foundation
511 N. Akard, Suite 1331
Dallas, Texas 75201

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Thank you for your letter of November 22. I was impressed with the group which comprises your Foundation. At this juncture in our relationship, the kind of visit that you propose to the People's Republic of China is all but impossible. I never like to say anything is impossible.

I say it is impossible not because it would be any embarrassment to me or to those who help arrange it (as mentioned in your letter), but because the Chinese are just not permitting this kind of trip into the PRC right now. By way of suggestion, it wouldn't hurt to contact the PRC Liaison Office, 2300 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008. All visas are issued on that end. You might spell out the purpose of your mission --who knows, we might all be surprised.

Here in Peking, my wife and I attend a small non-denominational Christian church service every Sunday, conducted entirely in Chinese and, although I don't understand the language, it is an important part of the Bush family life in China.

Thank you again for a wonderful letter.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GBush:hek

November 22, 1974

Honorable George Bush, Chief
U. S. Liaison Office #17
Guanghua Road
Peking, People's Republic of China

Dear Mr. Bush:

This is to request information on and aid in arranging for a trip to the People's Republic of China.

First I would like to introduce you to our Foundation and to our staff.

Our primary function is organizing evangelistic crusades between American churches and churches in foreign countries. These "Partnership Missions" have involved hundreds of cooperating pastors, laymen, laywomen, and extremely talented musicians. We have had outstanding results in Spain, Germany, Japan, Korea, France, and the Fiji Islands, all which have received teams since our inception in 1970. We have been invited back to every country for future partnership efforts. In addition to the successes of our central object, that is, sharing the gospel, we have found that the person-to-person contacts always strengthen intercountry relationships diplomatically as well as spiritually. As a missionary to Japan for eighteen years, I have often seen where a visitor acting as emissary for God also influenced goodwill between our country and others.

The United States Embassies have graciously supported us on the field, acting as liaison between our teams and local government officials. Senator John G. Tower has often initiated contacts for us by forwarding letters of introduction in our behalf.

Perhaps you know our Executive Vice-President, Dr. T. A. Patterson, former Executive Secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Upon retiring from that position, he joined our staff in January of this year. His duties over the years have included travelling thousands of miles representing not only Christianity, but the United States. James F. Humphries, Associate Director, came with us when his tour of seven years as a missionary to American soldiers in Saigon came to an end. Colonel E. D. H. Maddox, Business Administrator, served for thirty years in the Air Force, and upon retiring joined our staff. All these men have spent years in travel for their country as well as for God, and agree that the United States benefits from her people conscientiously and consciously being aware that they represent America as well as their business when they go abroad.



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Mr. Bush
November 22, 1974
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In addition to these staff members, we have many outstanding Christian leaders on our Executive Committee and Advisory Board, as you can see on the enclosed list, who represent a great segment of Texas and other states, as well as overseas countries.

We realize the delicacy of this particular instance of attaining diplomatic relations and so seek your help in achieving our goal. I am writing concerning the possibility of taking Miss Willa Dorsey--an outstanding Negro gospel and folk singer from Portland, Oregon--an accompanist, and my wife on a concert tour of the People's Republic of China in 1975 or 1976. We need all the help you can possibly give us in making this possible, and I can assure you this tour would be absolutely no embarrassment to you or those who help arrange it. Are trips of this sort being considered? We do understand that "tourist trips" are permitted. Would we benefit from applying as a tour group and strictly visit as such?

Please let us hear from you regarding this matter. I will anxiously await your suggestions and advice.

Very gratefully yours,

W. H. Jackson Jr.

W. H. Jackson, Jr., President
World Evangelism Foundation

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Enclosure

LEON JAWORSKI

BANK OF THE SOUTHWEST BLDG.
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

November 8, 1974

Honorable George Bush
United States Liaison Office
Peking

Dear George:

Your very thoughtful letter of October 22 is deeply appreciated. I am sending to the Special Prosecutor's Office that portion of your letter which pertains to your recollections on the matter members of my staff talked with you about. I am very sorry, as are they, that they interrupted your flight with the call to Alaska but it seemed important to check on this particular matter.

I know that you will distinguish yourself in service to the nation in the high post you now occupy, just as you have in all of your other endeavors. Naturally I am glad to be back in Texas and the one year that I spent in somewhat arduous work in Washington seemed actually more like three years.

I do hope that we get to see you in the event you should be visiting Texas. In the meantime Jeannette joins me in sending our warmest regards to you and Barbara.

Sincerely,

Leon

*LB
no reply*

Jeannette, Leon

UNITED STATES LIAISON OFFICE
Peking, People's Republic of China

October 22, 1974

PERSONAL

Honorable Leon Jaworski
Special Prosecutor
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Leon:

When I got off the airplane at Anchorage on the way to Tokyo I received your telephone call on October 17. You were gone, but I talked to Messrs. Ben-Veniste and Neal. They told me of an April 19, 1973 phone conversation between Richard Moore and President Nixon. They told me that the conversation made reference to the fact that I had apparently been asked by Mardian to raise \$30,000 for the Watergate defendants, and that further I had rejected this request out of hand, suggesting that all the facts on Watergate be made public.

I told your associates that I had no recollection of any such conversation with Mardian, but that I would check whatever personal notes I had with me.

I have now checked and I am absolutely certain that I never had any such conversation with Mardian. Indeed, I do not believe I ever saw Mardian or talked to him at any time in 1973 or 1974 for that matter. I do recall several conversations with Dick Moore where I decried the lack of candor by the White House, and urged full disclosure, but these conversations did not relate to my being asked to raise money for any defendants. I wish I could be more helpful, but I am totally convinced that Mardian or anybody else never asked me to raise money for the defendants.

I wish you the best of luck, Leon, as you return to Houston. I feel very badly that Barbara and I were not

Jaworski, Leon seen

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hospitable to you when you were in Washington, but we both know the reasons for this and I am sure that it was best to lay aside our personal desires in order to spare you any possible embarrassment. You did a first-class job and we are very proud of you.

Barbara and I arrived in China yesterday. It is a bold, new challenge, and we are very excited about it.

Sincerely,

George Bush

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December 31, 1974

Ambassador Keith Johnson
Embassy of Jamaica
Bonn
Federal Republic of Germany

Dear Keith:

Just a quick note to say how pleased I was to get your Christmas card and to catch up even in this small way with you and your family.

As you may have heard, Barbara and I are now in Peking and I must say it is very different from the U.N. but it is very challenging and we like it immensely.

Hope all is well with you and your great family and that our paths will cross in 1975.

Very truly yours,

George Bush



GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

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BEST WISHES

FOR

1975

Johnson

Keith, Pam & Family

Embassy of Jamaica
Bonn
Federal Republic of Germany.

Scene from a performance by Jamaica's National Dance Theatre Company

November 16, 1974

Mr. Warren Johnson
26526 Hillside Drive
Spring, Texas 77373

Dear Warren:

My Chinese is just as bad as my Spanish, but I am finding this new assignment tremendously challenging in every way. I got your good letter of October 25 and I wish you the best of luck with your application at the National Committee. You were right, things will be slow for awhile in terms of employment there, but I think it's well that you got that letter on in to them.

Thanks for your kind words. We miss Texas and miss our kids, and I even miss politics; but this is right for now and I am awfully lucky to be in this challenging new slot.

Warm regards,

George Bush

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26526 Hillside Drive
Spring, Texas 77373

October 25, 1974

George Bush
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear George,

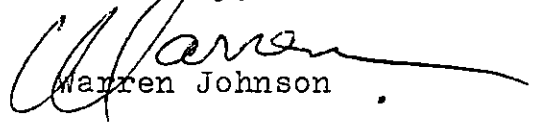
First of all, I guess congratulations are in order on your recent appointment. I must admit I was disappointed over the Vice-Presidency thing, but I'm sure everything will work out for the best. I enjoyed your speech at our State Convention and was only sorry I couldn't talk with you personally while you were here. You are going to have to watch such remarks as "come visit us next time you're in China", however. The Johnsons just might do it!!

I completed form # 171 that you sent and forwarded to the National Committee. I expect things will be a little slow in the employment department for a while. I hope the pollsters are wrong and things pick up after the election. I am doing what I can for our local as well as state-wide candidates but must admit things don't look too good at the moment. I have heard you said that you wouldn't run for state-wide office again in Texas but hope it isn't true (unless, of course, you are involved in the National). Texas needs to become a true "two party" state and desperately needs to elect a Republican Governor. I don't know if we can survive four years of Briscoe.

I have attached copies of the form I sent to The National Committee "just in case!"

Best of luck in your new assignment. By the way, you were having considerable difficulty with Spanish the last time I saw you - how is your Chinese?

Sincerely,


Warren Johnson

November 18, 1974

Mr. Herbert Kamm
Associate Editor
The Cleveland Press
901 Lakeside Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Dear Herb:

I just got your good letter of October 23rd. Thanks for your kind words. This is a fantastic challenge here and I really enjoy the work. We have a good, strong USLO mission, our house is nice, the diplomatic corps is active and knowledgeable and I have had many fascinating visits with Chinese officials in the little more than three weeks that I've been here.

Regarding journalistic travel to China. It's been pretty difficult. There have not been many journalists permitted to come here. Perhaps this will change in the future. I feel strongly that it would be good for the PRC to have more American journalists here and my advice would be to send your application to the PRC Liaison Office, 2300 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008. They are the ones who handle it. It's all done on that end as far as visas go. You might mention that your friend George Bush, head of USLO in Peking, suggested that you contact them. I don't think that would kill off your chances.

Just to be realistic about your chances, I should say that many, many journalists have applied and not many have been accepted--but who knows. Sometimes there are some prompt replies and happy recipients.

Needless to say, I do hope it works out. I know you'd find it fascinating. I hope our paths cross in the future. In the meantime, thanks for that thoughtful letter.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Kamm, Mr. Herbert



The Cleveland Press

901 LAKESIDE AVENUE CLEVELAND, OHIO 44114
(216) 623-1111

HERBERT KAMM
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

October 23, 1974

Dear George:

I trust this will reach you safely through diplomatic pouch, and I write first of all to wish you well in your new undertaking. The challenge must be fascinating. Were you able to cram sufficiently in Chinese to avoid getting lost on the way to the office?

I write also to ask your advice on the best way for Mrs. Kamm, who is a free lance writer, and for me to arrange a trip to China.

This is something we have wanted to do since the new relationship was established, and the time now seems ripe. It may be we would best be advised to work through our Congressman or through the State Department in Washington, but I would hope you could be of some special help.

We would like to make the trip some time next spring, and we have no objection to going by ourselves or as part of a group, though the latter, I would guess, would be less expensive.

In any case, I hope you can offer some suggestions and such personal help as would be appropriate.

Again, our warmest congratulations on your appointment, and our fondest regards.

Cordially,

Hon. George Bush
Chief, U. S. Liaison Office
People's Republic of China
c/o State Department
Washington, D. C. 20520

November 5, 1974

The Honorable
James Keogh
Director
U.S. Information Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

I am sorry that you were out of town when I came by USIA before leaving for China. I am now here in Peking and, encouraged by your staff's offer to assist in any way, I would like to ask a favor of you. Could you have some tasteful individual look around your inventory to see if there are some cheap prints of Americana that we could use in the U.S. Liaison Office Residence.

I have in mind prints of historical sights, early shots of Washington, or tastefully presented scenes from American history. In the long run, we will be in good shape, but right now we could use some prints to put around various nooks and crannies of the Residence. They should be such that they could be rolled up and mailed to us through the State Department pouch or in any other way you think might be better. Please don't go to any trouble on this, but we need a few splashes of color around both office and Residence and it occurs to me that USIA might have a series of prints that would be appropriate. I am also writing Dillon Ripley of the Smithsonian. I hope this isn't an awful bore.

Things here are fantastically interesting.

Warm regards,

Sincerely,

George Bush

Keogh, James



DIRECTOR

UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY
WASHINGTON

November 21, 1974

Dear George:

Our Exhibits staff is at work on your request for prints of Americana. A selection will be sent to you soon, with shipping data provided in advance.

We are glad to have this opportunity to be of some help and hope you will think about other possibilities for USIA assistance to the Liaison Office.

I was sorry to miss seeing you before you went out and I hope that our paths cross soon.

With all best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim", with a large, stylized initial "J" that loops around the rest of the name.

James Keogh

The Honorable
George Bush
Chief, U.S. Liaison Office
Peking, People's Republic of China

December 23, 1974

Honorable James Keogh
Director
United States Information Agency
1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20547

Dear Jim:

We have acknowledged receipt of the posters that you shipped out here on December 5. I just wanted you to know that they fill the bill perfectly, and they brought us a neat balance between bright colored prints and historical prints.

Many, many thanks for your thoughtfulness.

Very truly yours,

George Bush

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The contents of this "Americana" print shipment were hurriedly selected from the Exhibits Cone inventory as a "beginning".

Some are photographs of typical American landscapes; others are close-ups, contemporary brightly-colored silkscreen prints, and color art reproductions, both historic and contemporary from museums.

This is only a start. Use whatever might be appropriate. More prints from the historic viewpoint are being researched and later shipments will follow.

AMERICANA

(3) Smithsonian Institution

Wright Brothers Airplane, 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ "h x 28"w
Lindbergh Airplane, 22"h x 28"w
Original "Star Spangled Banner", 28"h x 22"w

(4) National Gallery of Art

"George Washington" by Stuart, 14"h x 11"w
"The Washington Family" by Savage, 11"h x 14"w

Primitives:

"The Cornell Farm" by Hicks, 11"h x 14"w
"Bareback Riders" by Brown, 11"h x 14"w

(3) Corcoran Gallery of Art

"The Old House of Representatives"
by Samuel F. B. Morse, 11"h x 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ "w
"Niagara Falls, by Frederick Church, 11"h x 18"w
"Emigrant Train Bedding Down for the
Night" by Reinhart, 11"h x 15"w

(3) Hirschhorn Museum

Contemporary:

"Point of Tranquility" by Morris Louis 10"h x 13"w

"Blue Out of White" by Sam Francis, 10"h x 14"w

"Blue, Orange, Red" by Mark Rothko 13"h x 10"w

(1) Kennedy Center

Ceiling of Concert Hall Lounge 20"h x 28"w

(9) Hallmark Nature Photos, with Quotations.

Mountains	20"h x 28"w
Sunset Seacoast	
Mount Vernon	
Misty Forest	
Grainfields and Sky	
Autumn	
Ducks over Lake	
Western Horses	
Swamp with Flying Crane	

(The above can be used with quotes, as is; or the wording can be trimmed off if desired.)

(1) New York City, red sky 20"h x 28"w

(5) Natural Scenery Photos, with Printed Frames

Snow-covered trees	25"h x 37"w
Rocky Coast	
Mountain Lake	
Mountain Lake with Pines	
Southern Flower Garden	

(3) Plastic Photos (Reader's Digest)

Mount Rushmore 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ "h x 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ "w
 Yellowstone Park
 Grand Tetons

(3) Cowboy and Horse

Against Sunset 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ "h x 22"w
 Night 22"h x 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ "w
 Red 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ "h x 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ "w

(5) Flower Plants, silkscreens by Earl Newman

Bright colors, modern approach, 35"h x 23"w

(1) Bright colors, modern approach, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "h x 35"w

(6) USA Photos. Lettering can be trimmed off.

Hawaii Beach (Sierra Club), 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ "h x 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ "w
 (trim to 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ "h x 22"w)

Hawaiian Fisherman, 40"h x 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ "w
 (trim to 31"h x 25"w)

Ascent, Snow Peak, 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ "h x 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ "w
 (trim to 31 $\frac{3}{4}$ "h x 22"w)

Historic Monument 42"h x 28"w
 (House Where Lincoln Died) (trim to 35"h x 28"w)

Endless Summer 40"h x 29"w
 (Bright colors, silkscreen) (trim to 30"h x 29"w)

Sequoia by Ansel Adams 42"h x 28"w
 (trim to 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ "h x 25"w)

(2) Kennedy Center

Kennedy Center Building, 17"h x 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ "w
 (trim to 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ "h x 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ "w)

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December 13, 1974

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The Honorable George Bush
U. S. Embassy
Peking, China

Dear Poppy:

Herewith one revered aunt, excited but in one piece. Clearly La Belle de New Haven and one of the grand ladies of our day. Joan and I hope she has a ball in China.

May I use this means in raising a pet project with you? For the past two years, as cultural relations with China have popped open, it has been my hope that one or more American university press representatives might visit Peking. Now the Association of American University Presses is ready to endorse a mission and I have been asked to seek your aid.

The three-man team we have in mind would be made up of August Fruge, director of the University of California Press, Marsh Jeanneret, director of the University of Toronto Press, and myself. Three old pros if you will, each twenty years in their jobs, each a former president of our Association and each an experienced Far-East traveler.. We have visited university publishing organizations in Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, India, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, and Australia, and know how to conduct ourselves. Is such a mission feasible? To observe how Chinese scholars publish and to share our experiences? In April? If so, how should we proceed? Any return informal message your aunt brings me would be much appreciated.

A Merry Mainland Christmas to you and to that lady of yours, and take good care of Marge.

Yours,

[Signature]
Chester Kerr
Director

CK:ASB

December 20, 1974

Mr. Chester Kerr
Director
Yale University Press
92A Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut 06520

Dear Chester:

Aunt Marge gave me your letter of December 13. The best approach is to immediately apply to the PRC Liaison Office, 2300 Connecticut Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20008, telling them what you have in mind regarding a visit of University press people. Another suggestion would be to contact the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, Inc., 777 United Nations Plaza, 9B, New York, N.Y. 10017. This Committee has had a major role in cultural exchanges.

To answer your question, such a mission is feasible, a handful are granted each year. In addition, we have found that we are not able to be of much help on this end regarding requests such as yours. However, if I do find a way in my consultations with Chinese officials to be of assistance, I certainly would like to do that.

We are enjoying ourselves enormously. Hope all's well with you.

Sincerely,

George Bush

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November 28, 1974

His Excellency
Ridha Klibi
Ambassador of Tunisia
Peking

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you very much for passing along that letter from Mme. Abed Bouhafa, an old friend of ours. I am wondering if you would be so kind as to send her the attached letter via your pouch. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. I'm looking forward to our paths crossing very often here in Peking.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Enclosure.

11-10-74
10/28/74
Ridha Klibi



*L' Ambassadeur
de Tunisie*

N° Prot.

Monsieur l' Ambassadeur
et Cher Collègue

J'ai l'honneur de vous remettre,
ci-joint, une lettre que Madame Abed
Bouhafa, a bien voulu me remettre à
votre attention, cet été à Tunis, dès
qu'elle a appris que vous aviez été
nommé à la Tête du Bureau de Liaison
américain, à Pékin.

Je m'acquitte ainsi d'un agréabl
devoir en vous priant, Monsieur
l' Ambassadeur et Cher Collègue, de
croire à l'assurance de ma haute
considération./.

P. J. :
1 lettre

Son Excellence Monsieur
Bush, Ambassadeur des
Etats-Unis d'Amérique,
Chef du Bureau de Liaison
de Pékin.

P E K I N

November 18, 1974

Mr. Bowie K. Kuhn
Commissioner of Baseball
15 West 51st Street
New York, N.Y. 10019

Dear Bowie:

Thanks for your October 30th letter. I had a visit with Gene Theroux on the 15th of November. We both want to be helpful on your project.

The other day I met with the Minister of Sports and I'm not too optimistic about immediate action on the idea. One of the prime areas for moving our policy forward is in increased exchanges and so if I see a chance to get in a strong plug for your idea, I will try to do so. My immediate thought is to sit tight for awhile to see how Secretary Kissinger's visit goes. I'm sure it will be successful. I would then write to Charles Yost, The National Committee on United States-China Relations, Inc., 777 United Nations Plaza 9B, New York, N.Y. 10017, setting out your proposal. That Committee has a good deal to do with the exchanges of sporting groups. Send me a copy of any proposal for possible follow-up.

I heard from Herbie Walker about the Mets' visit to Tokyo. Herbie had a marvelous time there. I was hoping he would be able to drop over to Peking.

Let's stay in touch on this project. I feel it's a little premature, but heaven knows I'd love to see some American ball players right here in the People's Republic of China. Barbara and I like this new assignment enormously. There's plenty to do and lots to learn. We miss the kids and the family, and I even miss politics. On the other hand, I wouldn't trade for this. It's great.

Best regards,

George Bush



Office of the Commissioner

Bowie K. Kuhn
Commissioner

October 30, 1974

Dear George:

I understand that Gene Theroux of Washington will be visiting with you in Peking on November 12th. I had a most interesting meeting with Gene last week in Washington and we discussed possible sports exchanges which might involve Professional Baseball and the Peoples Republic of China. In particular, we talked about the possibility of having various types of Chinese teams visit some of our American baseball stadia and staging exhibitions there. These exhibitions would be in advance of regularly scheduled baseball games, selecting dates when we would expect to have large crowds. The exhibitions might involve games such as badminton, or gymnastic performances. In return the Peoples Republic might invite one of our teams to visit China and stage exhibition games of baseball. These might be intra squad games or they might involve games with a Japanese team which would also be invited.

In general the concept is to create a cultural exchange which would be intriguing to the Chinese.

After discussing this in a preliminary way with several of our Major League clubs, I am satisfied that we would have clubs interested in exploring such an exchange.

I have no idea as I write this how the financial arrangements would work out. Obviously this would have to be developed in the event there was any interest in pursuing such an approach as I have described.

I have asked Gene if he would discuss this subject with you in the interest of ascertaining whether there is any reason to pursue it further.

Kuhn, 11/15/1974

The Honorable George Bush-- Page 2--

October 30, 1974

I would greatly appreciate your advice on this and your being kind enough to discuss it with Gene.

I do hope that you and Barbara are finding your assignment both interesting and stimulating. I somehow feel certain you are.

With kind regards to you both.

Sincerely yours,

The Honorable George Bush
Chief, U.S. Liaison Office
Peking, Peoples Republic of China
c/o Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bowie Kuhn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

BKK/ms

cc: Mr. Eugene A. Theroux



Office of the Commissioner

Bowie K. Kuhn
Commissioner

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November 27, 1974

Rec'd 12/16

Dear George:

I was most pleased to have your letter of November 18th and you may be sure most appreciative of the consideration you have given to the project which Gene Theroux discussed with you. I do note your suggestion that it is best "to sit tight" on this for a while and I think that is the desirable procedure. In the meantime I will carry your letter with me to our Annual Meetings in New Orleans next week. I will discuss it with my people and then put a further proposal for follow-up in your hands.

We had a wonderful time in Japan, in no small part because of the delightful company of Mary and Herbie Walker. I must tell you there was considerable chuckling by Luisa and me when we heard he had turned down a visit to Peking because of the Yale Princeton game. After watching that game however, I think I would have been better off to have taken the Princeton football team to Peking.

I am really delighted to hear you are enjoying the assignment in China but I am not one bit surprised to hear that. Our best to you and Barbara.

Very best regards,

Ambassador George Bush
United States Liaison Office
Peking, People's Republic of China

BKK/jc