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November 20, 1974

Mr. Thomas French Norton
Nutrition Today Society
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Dear Tom:

Thanks for your letter of October 24 and your kind remarks about me. You're right about the excitement of this new job, especially in the next week with the Secretary of State here.

Your proposal to bring a delegation to Shanghai following the Congress next August is an interesting one. At first glance, it seems improbable that a group of 500 to 600 people could be accommodated. It is true that a Japanese "Floating University" with about that number aboard called at Shanghai earlier this year, but of course they did not require hotel rooms. Conceivably a smaller group would have a better chance.

Aside from that one slightly negative observation, I think your idea is a good one. The Chinese are proud of their accomplishment in feeding their enormous population and feel they have much to contribute to the questions of food, diet, and nutrition. So they would probably welcome the opportunity to exchange views with your group of experts.

China International Travel Service is the right first contact point for your proposal. You should also keep the P.R.C. Liaison Office, 2300 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20008, informed of your plans. I know that the Office of Cultural Affairs (CU/EA), Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520, would also be interested. Finally, I hope you will keep me informed of any developments. If I can appropriately do anything to further your cause, I will, but first you will have to get some reaction from the Chinese side.

With personal best wishes, in which Barbara joins me.

Yours very truly,

George Bush



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October 24, 1974

Mr. George Bush, Chief
United States Liaison Office, Peking
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20521

Dear George:

This is an opportunity to congratulate you on your exciting new assignment and to wish you well in it. I hope it's a prelude to bigger and better things, if that's what you want. As you know, I'm one of those people who has thought George Bush should be in the Oval Office ever since that first Senatorial campaign in Texas.

My new job is less important than yours, but perhaps no less exciting. I'm working with the Nutrition Today Society, which is an international group of medical doctors, nutritionists, dietitians, dentists and interested laymen like me, all trying to make the health care professionals —and the public— aware of the role nutrition plays in many aspects of our lives, from conception through old age. It is the largest organization in the world devoted to creating and disseminating such knowledge, and the only one founded and run by world-famous leaders in the medical professions. With that brief background, I can get to the real point of this letter.

Next August, the Tenth International Congress of Nutrition will be held in Kyoto. It is of tremendous importance to those who collect, exchange and use nutrition information, and will draw perhaps 3,000 participants from all over the world. The Nutrition Today Society is sponsoring a charter flight arrangement for those attending from Canada, the United States, and Mexico, with the active encouragement of the American Medical Association, the American Dietetic Association, and their Canadian counterparts. We expect to book between 500 and 600 people for the charter, probably using two Boeing 747s for transportation.

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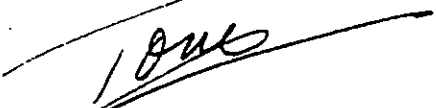
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After the Congress, which runs from August 3rd through the 9th, we would like to arrange three days in Shanghai for visits to the several important medical and teaching facilities there, if at all possible. We will apply for permission through the China International Travel Service which, I'm told, is the appropriate agency.

I hate to toss something like this at you when you barely have your feet under the desk in Peking, but we'd certainly like to count on your interest in the project and support from your office. We aren't starting any too soon with the conference only nine months away, and a friend in Peking could make a lot of difference to the success or failure of the whole effort. Any suggestions you or your staff may want to offer will be appreciated.

I trust Barbara is well and that both of you are enjoying your fantastic new adventure.

With all good wishes,


Thomas French Norton
Membership Services

TFN:cc

December 28, 1974

Mr. Thomas French Norton
Nutrition Today Society
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Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Tom:

Thank you for your letter of November 18 on your efforts to bring a delegation to China sponsored by the Nutrition Today Society. I regret the delay in answering, but your letter took nearly a month in reaching me.

Concerning your suggestion that you contact the Committee for Scholarly Communication with the People's Republic of China my reaction is that it would certainly do no harm and the Committee is experienced in arranging for visits by delegations such as yours. Unless you are interested in proposing that your delegation be made part of the official exchanges, however, the Committee can only offer suggestions and is not in a position to arrange for your trip. China International Travel Service does handle visits to China by various delegations, but it would appear to me more appropriate, at least initially, to contact directly the Liaison Office of the People's Republic of China in Washington. The Liaison Office will be able to advise you if it is necessary to communicate directly with China International Travel Service.

Best luck in your efforts, and if you get to Peking the welcome mat is always out.

Best regards,

George Bush

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November 18, 1974

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Hon. George Bush, Chief
United States Liaison Office, Peking
U.S. Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20521

Dear George:

Since writing to you about the possibility of a Nutrition Today Society visit to China following the International Congress of Nutrition in Japan, the enclosed issue of Nutrition Today was published. It includes an article entitled "China's Children" by Jay M. Arena, M.D., one of the Society's board members and president of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Doctor Arena was a member of the American Medical Association Delegation to the People's Republic of China in July of this year. He had been to China the previous year with Dr. Grace A. Goldsmith, president of the American Society for Clinical Nutrition and a member of our board; Dr. Cortez F. Enloe, Jr., the Society's Executive Vice President; and Dr. William Henry Sebrell, a former director of the National Institutes of Health and chairman of the Nutrition Today Editorial Advisory Board.

I was talking yesterday with Doctor Arena about the proposed Society trip to China and he suggested that it might be useful to send you a copy of the magazine containing his report. I don't think that even the Chinese Medical Association people have seen the article yet. Because Doctor Arena was very favorably impressed with the health care given China's children, the article may be a useful tool if you put in a good word for us at any point along the way.

You may be able to give me some advice right now, to smooth the path of our application for an invitation to visit

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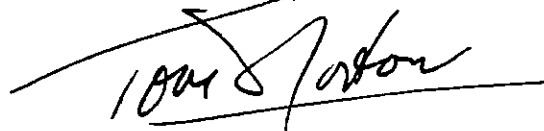
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China. We have been told by the airlines people that the application should go directly to the China International Travel Service in Peking. However, one of our directors suggested that the Committee for Scholarly Communication with the People's Republic of China, located in Washington, would be a more appropriate starting point. I know how important it is to do everything according to the rules, when dealing with the People's Republic, and it might keep me from putting a foot wrong if you could tell me which of these two trails is the correct one to follow.

Approval of our plans for the charter tour came from the Board of Directors only yesterday and now it is my job to make it work, within the very limited time available. The Nutrition Congress is only eight months away, so I'm sure you can imagine how much work will be involved in preparing this tour. Any help I can get through your office will be enormously useful.

With my best wishes to you and Barbara, I am

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tom Norton", written over a horizontal line.

Thomas French Norton
Membership Services

Enclosure

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December 31, 1974

Mr. Jerome C. Ogden
American Consul
Consulate General of the United States
of America
P. O. Box 66
Hong Kong, B.C.C.

Dear Jerry:

I was pleased to get that kind letter you wrote me on November 22nd. All of us here at USLO are looking forward to having you here. I have heard wonderful things about both you and Laura and am confident that you will enjoy your work here just as much as I do mine.

I have been planning to come to Hong Kong and so perhaps I'll meet you there before you are actually living in Peking.

In any event, I appreciate your letter and am looking forward to seeing you here and looking forward to working with you in the future.

Yours very truly,

George Bush



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE
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November 22, 1974

The Honorable George Bush
Chief, United States Liaison Office
Peking
People's Republic of China

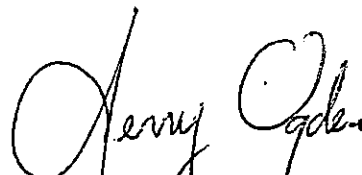
Dear Mr. Bush:

I have recently learned that I am to be assigned to your mission in the near future to fill a new Consular/Political position now being established. I am looking forward with great pleasure to working on your staff and to serving in whatever combination of consular and political functions you deem most useful. While I am anxious to arrive in Peking as early as possible, the actual date of release from my present assignment is contingent upon my replacement's estimated arrival date, as yet undetermined. I anticipate that these arrangements can be made in early 1975, possibly in January or February.

My wife Laura is also excited about the prospect of living in Peking. She was born in Shantung Province and has not had the opportunity to see China since she left at the age of five. As a native speaker of Mandarin Chinese, she has asked me to inform you that she is anxious to offer any personal assistance you and Mrs. Bush may desire in facilitating your transition to what is by all accounts a unique way of life in Peking.

I shall write again concerning my travel plans as soon as my departure date from Hong Kong is established.

Sincerely yours,


Jerome C. Ogden
American Consul

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