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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 27, 1974

Mr. Wilson B. Partridge  
Hamilton Brothers Oil Company  
1600 Broadway  
Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear Bill:

I have been thoroughly briefed here on the question of the East China Sea. I appreciated your great letter of September 17th. I hate to suggest a visit to Washington. Perhaps you could give me a call at (202) 632-3586, any time in the next two weeks and we can talk about this matter on the phone. It's not that I wouldn't love to see you again, for you know I would, but my schedule here is absolutely unbelievable. We are leaving sooner than I had planned, and thus the briefings and calls are impossible.

It was great hearing from you again. I do want to be helpful, so do give me a call.

Yours very truly,

  
George Bush

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HAMILTON BROTHERS OIL COMPANY

1600 BROADWAY  
DENVER, COLORADO 80202

September 17, 1974

Mr. George Bush  
Ambassador Designate to the  
People's Republic of China  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear George:

First of all I want to tell you how pleased I am that President Ford has nominated you to be our representative in China. I know it will be an exciting and rewarding experience for you, Barbara and the family, and I want to wish you every success in your new assignment.

You probably are not aware of the fact that Hamilton Brothers, along with National Bulk Carriers and Weeks Natural Resources, was granted an offshore concession in the East China Sea by the Republic of Korea in 1970. The area covered by our agreement has been also claimed by Japan, and in January 1974 Korea and Japan signed a Settlement Agreement which provides for the joint exploration and development of the area. At the time this Agreement was signed the People's Republic of China issued a strong statement claiming that this area belonged to China as part of its continental shelf and therefore Japan and Korea have no authority to enter into an agreement for its joint development.

Naturally, I would not expect the United States to become involved in any territorial dispute in the East China Sea, but I do think that it might be well to acquaint you with our problem in the event the subject should come up in any conversation which you might have in Peking concerning the territorial claims of the People's Republic of China in the East China Sea. If you have a free moment before you plan to leave, I would like to spend a few minutes with you to go over the situation. I would therefore appreciate it if you could let me know if this is a possibility and I will arrange to be in Washington at your convenience.

With the best personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



Wilson B. Partridge

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Partridge, Wilson B.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

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JERRY L. PETTIS  
CALIFORNIA

December 17, 1974

Dear George:

We thoroughly enjoy your great communiques and are delighted you sent your special courier with all her fascinating tales about the China venture. I had a hard time convincing Shirley to come back to Washington following the election, but news of Barbara's return did the trick.

This is quite a frantic week as the week before Christmas (and adjournment) always is, but added to the frenzy was my selection as a conferee on the Trade Bill. They've also given me the dubious distinction of floor managing the bill later this week. It's my baptism of fire and I suppose a goal we all had while sitting as lowly Members of the Committee back all those years.

Shirley's heading home Thursday, Pete is scheduled to pick up my new Bonanza in Wichita Friday, and hopefully by Christmas time the whole family will have assembled at the Ranch. The day after Christmas Shirley and I are heading down to Cabo San Lucas in Baja for a week away from everything.

Shirley of course joins me in sending you our very warmest wishes and thanks, too, for your great friendship.

Cordially,

Jerry L. Pettis  
Member of Congress

Ambassador George Bush  
Chief, U. S. Liaison Office  
Peking, Peoples Republic of China

*p.s. We are all Shuddering over the impact of 100 new faces in the House & an enlarged ways & means Committee of 37!*

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OCT. 24, 1974

Handwritten  
reply sent to  
GWB

DEAR GEORGE & BARBARA !!!


JUST A NOTE TO SAY THAT  
I AM AS EXCITED AS YOU  
ARE ABOUT YOUR HANDLING  
OUR CHINESE AFFAIRS.

WE ARE MOST FORTUNATE  
HERE TO HAVE YOU THERE.  
YOU AND I KNOW, GEORGE,  
THAT FAR TOO MANY OF  
OUR "REPRESENTATIVES"  
ARE MUCH TO "STUFFY" -  
IT HAS ALWAYS HURT US.

YOU TASHIR IS A GREAT  
ONE BUT YOU WILL DO  
AN EXCELLENT JOB -  
AFTER A YEAR OR TWO  
COME ON BACK & GO IN  
THE OIL BUSINESS!

I STILL MISS THE DRILLING  
BUSINESS - DRILLED TOO MANY,  
SORRY WELLS - BUT I DO  
ENJOY THE REAL ESTATE  
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TAKE CARE - GOOD LUCK,  
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Most Sincerely, 

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December 5, 1974

Pennell & Company, Ltd.  
P.O. Box 2828  
G.P.O. Hong Kong

Gentlemen:

The merchandise which you recently shipped to me has just arrived, and in good condition. I would appreciate receiving your invoice as soon as possible. I will be away from Peking until December 15, but immediately upon my return will send you a check in payment if I have received your invoice by that time. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

George Bush.  
Chief

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November 28, 1974

The Honorable  
Charles Percy  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chuck:

Thank you for your good letter of November 5, which just arrived yesterday.

I believe your inquiry should be addressed to Ambassador Leonard Unger in Taipei since Dean Olsen's letter states he wants to develop an exchange program with the dentists' school in the Republic of China. I am returning the papers that were attached to your November 5 letter.

I hope the UN has been a worthwhile experience for you. We had a nice glimpse or two of Jay Rockefeller on the trip. What an attractive guy.

Barbara is coming home for Christmas with the kids and will mail this letter in Washington in a few days. She would love to see all the Percys over the holidays.

Warm regards,

George Bush

Enclosures.

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*Mrs Bush mailed  
in states*

*Percy, Dean Olsen*

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

November 5, 1974

The Honorable George Bush  
Chief  
United States Liaison Office  
Peking, CHINA

Dear George:

I would appreciate your opinion and advice regarding the proposal Norman H. Olsen, Dean of Northwestern University Dental School, suggests in the enclosed correspondence.

As you no doubt know, for many years the Northwestern Dental School has been one of the outstanding schools in the field of dentistry in the country. The school's record is one of great accomplishments.

I am confident the exchange program Dean Olsen outlines has genuine merit and would benefit both the United States and China. I am contacting a few knowledgeable people like yourself for guidance as to how I can be of the most assistance in initiating a dialogue to discuss the possibilities and eventuality of making the proposal a reality.

Any suggestions you have, George, will be welcomed. At this point I am not certain whether it would be more advantageous to contact a high ranking official connected with the China mission here in Washington or start in Peking. I am of the opinion if someone in authority would show evidence of interest in Peking the chances of getting a meaningful discussion underway in Washington would be enhanced.

Thanks, George, and I'll look forward to hearing from you after you have had an opportunity to think about the best procedure to follow.

Sincerely,



Charles H. Percy  
United States Senator

CHP:i

November 5, 1974

Phyllis T. Piotrow  
Project Director  
Population Information Program  
The George Washington University  
Medical Center  
2001 S Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Phyllis,

Thanks for your nice letter of October 16. I've had a chance to discuss birth control already with Chinese officials, and the results achieved here are very interesting.

As for your reports, I suggest you send them directly to the Ministry of Public Health, Peking, People's Republic of China. But please screen everything carefully for references to the Republic of China or experiments conducted on Taiwan. If your material upsets the recipient politically, it may do more harm than good. Except for that one potential difficulty, I'm sure your reports will find a receptive audience.

Peking is a great new experience. So much to learn and do!

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

George Bush

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*William, Phyllis*



THE  
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*Department of Medical and Public Affairs/ Science Communication Division*

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Telephone: 202-462-5828*

October 16, 1974

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

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Congratulations to you on your new position! I am sure it will be a new and fascinating challenge and that you will make in this position the same outstanding contributions that you have made in the past.

Because of your long and, I hope, continuing interest in family planning and population problems, I am sending you with this letter a notebook containing a full set of the Population Reports which we prepare and distribute throughout the world. They have proved most welcome to physicians, medical educators, and family planning officials in many developing countries.

We would be very happy to provide copies of these reports in this form to health and family planning officials in the People's Republic of China who might be interested, and we would welcome receiving from you or members of your staff appropriate names and addresses of such officials. Or, if it would be more suitable, we could send the desired number of copies to the Embassy to be used or given away as appropriate. I should note that several of the reports in the J series on Family Planning Programs include a number of references to Taiwan, but there are few if any such references in other reports - in case that might cause a problem.

With best wishes and congratulations to you again,

Sincerely yours,

*Phyllis T. Piotrow*

Phyllis T. Piotrow  
Project Director  
Population Information Program

Enclosure

December 30, 1974

Mr. Tully Plesser  
President  
Cambridge Opinion Studies, Inc.  
625 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Tully:

It was great getting your letter of December 10. Let me try to reply point by point.

As to Sterling Lord, tell him I have been keeping extensive notes here in China and, of course, I had some fair notes at both the UN and my RNC job but I am a lousy writer and I really have no plans now about writing a chronical of my work in China. In fact, I guess it wouldn't be too good an idea to do it while I am on "active duty".

Thanks for throwing the Bush name into the "second tier" candidates ranks. I do not flatter myself into thinking that anyone will have heard of me but I am glad to be in the ball game. Do let me have the findings though I expect that it will be a tremendous blow to my ego.

I am glad you are doing some work with Eddie and Dick Thaxton. I hope you can get Weicker reelected -- I guess I do. He makes such pompous statements, Tully, but if anybody can bring him down to earth it is you with your great human touches and qualities.

I hadn't known until your letter arrived that you had done both the Javits' and Dole's races, those were two excellent wins in an otherwise sorry year.

Peking is fantastically interesting and I'm enjoying every single minute of it. Barbara is home with the kids for Christmas but she will be back out here soon and my mother came to Peking for the holidays which made it great for me. I hope our paths cross again soon.

Thanks again for your great letter.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Cambridge  
Opinion  
Studies, Inc.

December 10, 1974

TULLY PLESBER  
PRESIDENT

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

Dear George:

I have no idea of whether or when I might be passing through your neighborhood, so I thought a brief note might be in order.


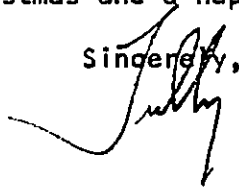
1. Sterling Lord, a very prominent literary agent and a good friend of mine, mentioned at dinner the other evening that he wondered if George Bush might be interested in doing a book on his experiences as chief of our liaison office in Peking. If so, he will be happy to get in touch with you directly regarding details, publisher, advances, etc.

2. We are including George Bush's name in a national voter opinion survey going out this week, in the context of "second tier" candidates for president or vice president in 1976. I will pass the findings along just as soon as they become available.

3. Cambridge received some interesting assignments from Eddie Mahe and Dick Thaxton of the RNC this month. We are also starting work on Bill Brock's and Lowell Weicker's 1976 campaigns, and business continues to roll along at a great pace. As you may know, we handled campaign research for Javits' and Dole's races this year---and those wins, particularly Dole's last minute turnaround, are attracting good client interest from all sectors.

From everyone here, our best wishes to you, Barbara and the family for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,



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November 5, 1974

Dr. Max Power  
1511 N.E. 63rd Street  
Seattle, Washington 98115

Dear Max:

Pardon my long delay in answering your letter of September 30. Things got so darned hectic as I left Washington that time was not my own.

I have written to Bill Walker, suggesting that you be appointed to the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. Bill is Don Rumsfeld's right-hand man and is in charge of these matters now. I got the resume and attached it to the recommendation. I also told him of your interest in the Board on Air Quality.

I am delighted to know that things are going well with you there. It was a pleasure to meet Judy, and it sounds like you are happily settled.

This is a bold, challenging, new experience, far different than anything I've done in the past, and yet equally as rewarding already. I have not lost interest in politics, believe me, but this makes a great deal of sense for now and I am a very lucky individual to be here. There is so much happening that I will spare you my amateurish observations except to say that this is a land of contrasts, the learning process will take a long time, the work is all engrossing, and we are happy, indeed.

Warm regards.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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POWER, Dr. Max

1511 M.E. 63rd St.  
Seattle, Wash. 98115  
September 30, 1974

Dear CB,

Sorry I missed you last week. From the sound of it your schedule is even more hectic than usual. I did want to hear a little about the kind of preparation you're going through and what you expect in being. I think this assignment sounds just terrifically fascinating.

Which brings me to the first point I wanted to mention last week. If you haven't already done so, you really should be arranging with a professional writer or press person to do a book. Congress, the FBI, the COP, Chairmanship, during Watergate and now the Pecking Mission. All that adds up to a great story. Happenly you'll have or have access to files or letters, notes and what not. In being, you can make some tapes or letters still dictate them even if you have a secret. You could sit down with the writer and have some seminars and respond to questions. These things could be edited and organized and from them you could do a great book.

I don't mean to get carried away. But I think this is a valuable and noble project. I've always thought you were a very good person.

Anyway, how does it feel about this? It's a terrific thing. Get the involved much in your work as in being. With the dump on a lot of committee, or with you and her somewhat pardoned get from the records. With the kind of belief for one year, you? When you get a chance, drop a note and let me know how this is stepping up.

Just (I know you're in January) and it's a tough job. A comfortable olden house a bit north of me. Jim West of Washington here. My wife just moved in and she's quite delighted. I think it makes a committee to stay for a while. It does feel good to have some going. I've commended that I really think.

I don't however have an answer to your question that you so kindly have asked over the years. I've never seen anything like (in D.C.) that takes you a while. I don't know if you can do much about it, but you feel you want to. But I would be interested in seeing on one or another of the President's appointments. I've advisedly bodies. I suppose the good. The really like and have some background for us. The advisory committee on Intergovernmental Relations. But that's probably no more pressure and public service than it can hope for best.

One that does seem more reasonable, however, is the President's Advisory Board on Air Quality. I gave testimony before that group out here in July. I really liked the members and the things they are into. In any case, the point is that I think I can contribute something as a member of a body like this while still doing the things here that I want to do.

If you feel able to pass this on, I'll be most grateful. If you don't, I'll certainly understand. Perhaps it will be helpful if I send along a resume in the next few days.

Again, I am sorry to have missed you. I am delighted and intrigued by your new assignment (even if disappointed again about the VP nomination), and I hope to hear more about it soon. Best to Bar, and every wish for a fulfilling experience in Peking.

As ever,

Max

December 30, 1974

Honorable Bob Price  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Bob:

Your letter of December 9 was great. Be sure to let me know what you decide to do. Needless to say, if I can ever help in any way whatsoever from way out here in Peking, I'd consider it a great pleasure.

Love to Marty. Bar is home in the States. I hope you've seen her. All's well.

Hastily, but with love to all Prices at Christmas.

Your friend,

**BOB PRICE**  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS  
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AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE  
SUBCOMMITTEES:  
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LIVESTOCK AND GRAINS  
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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, D.C. 20515

December 9, 1974

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Ambassador and Mrs. George Bush  
Chief, U. S. Liaison Office  
Peking, Peoples' Republic of China  
c/o Department of State  
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Barbara and George,


I am writing to apply for a job of pulling a rickshaw for you all. I can walk, trot, and canter. No kidding, the roof caved in unexpectedly and the analysis is Water-gate, the pardon, surtax, amnesty, and Rockefeller; low cattle prices as well as inflation. The primary reason for the outcome of the election was that the Brass Collar Democrats in my district turned out to vote and the Conservative Democrats and Republicans and Independents stayed at home. It is regrettable, but maybe it will open up a new avenue of life for me to serve in a bigger capacity.

The cattle business is rotten at home so I will probably try to secure a position with the Administration. I am looking forward to seeing you all some where down the road.

Best wishes to you and your family for the Christmas Holidays. Marty sends her love, Barbara, and we hope you are enjoying your assignment.

Thanks for your very thoughtful note; your typing is as lousy as mine. Heavens, don't they even allow you to have a secretary?

Regards,

  
BOB PRICE  
Member of Congress

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