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November 18, 1974

Honorable Tom Railsback
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Tom:

I am dying to have you and Pat come to Peking to stay with us for a couple of days. Barbara will not be here on the 20th of December, but my mother will and we have tons of room. As mentioned in my earlier letter, simply tell the PRC Liaison Office there in Washington that you are going to be my personal houseguests for two or three days. I am really hoping all of this works out.

I won't go into the election returns here except to say I am delighted you won and am sorry that so many of our other friends bit the dust.

Love to Pat.

Warm regards,

George Bush

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RAILSBACK, Hon. Tom

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

November 5, 1974

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

Dear George:

By now you and Barbara are settled and beginning your tenure with the Peoples Republic of China. I don't know of any individual more qualified to serve this important ambassadorial appointment than yourself. I know the people of China will share in my opinion once they have the opportunity to meet and know you.

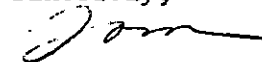
Pat and I are glad we had the opportunity to attend the dinner party given by Jerry and Shirley, honoring you and Barbara. What a party! It was great to visit with all the friends from the 90th Club.

As we discussed earlier, I will be attending the U. S.-Japan Parliamentary Exchange Program to be held in Tokyo from Dec. 16 - 20, 1974. Pat will accompany me and we would, of course, love to visit you and Barbara immediately after the Program for a couple of days. To consider this, we must apply for a visa through the Peoples Republic of China office here in Washington. If I had a letter of invitation and or, introduction from you to submit along with our applications, possibly they may give our applications more consideration. Realizing the timing may be difficult for you, we will certainly understand if it's not possible to schedule a visit with you this trip.

Hopefully we can work something out and have the opportunity the visit you and Barbara this year and I look forward to hearing from you soon. In order to facilitate your correspondence, please address envelope to me and to the attention of Harriet Dent on the face of the envelope.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,



TOM RAILSBACK
Member of Congress

December 23, 1974

Honorable Robert D. Ray
Governor
Office of the Governor
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Bob:

I have received your December 4, 1974 letter concerning Mr. Wayne Wong and Miss Me Su Ma. I wish I could be helpful, but I am afraid I cannot.

Mr. Wong's anxiety to see his fiancée is understandable, but the Liaison Office cannot intercede with the Chinese authorities on behalf of persons who are not United States citizens. I see from the correspondence you sent that Senator Hughes has already written on Mr. Wong's behalf to the Kwantun authorities and to the Chinese Liaison Office in Washington. I can only suggest that Mr. Wong may wish to write again to these officials and to the Consular Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Peking, People's Republic of China.

I am sorry my reply could not be more helpful.

Sincerely,

George Bush



Office of the Governor

STATE CAPITOL
DES MOINES, IOWA 50319

ROBERT D. RAY
GOVERNOR

December 4, 1974

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Mr. George Bush
Chief U.S.L.O., Peking
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear George:

I was recently contacted by Mr. Wayne Wong of Des Moines. Mr. Wong, who previously lived in the People's Republic of China, is in the process of bringing his fiancée, Me Su Ma of the People's Republic, to the United States so they may be married.

Mr. Wong informs me that Miss Ma applied for an exit visa in Hong Kong last fall. At that time the request was apparently approved. However, she has not yet been permitted to leave the People's Republic of China.

Mr. Wong has already contacted Senator Harold Hughes on this matter for assistance. From the attached correspondence between Senator Hughes and Mr. Chi Li-te, an official in the Chinese Liaison Office in Washington, it appears that final approval for Miss Ma's departure rests with the local authorities in China. Senator Hughes' most recent letter to the local authorities has gone unanswered for five months.

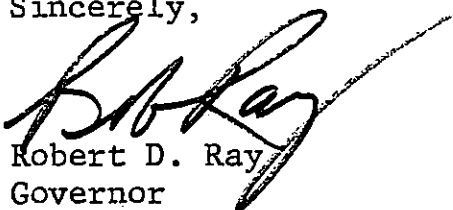
I wonder if you or a member of your staff might check with the appropriate officials in Peking or those in Kwang Tung Province on the status of Miss Ma's request for an exit visa. Since Mr. Wong is understandably concerned with the delay in Miss Ma's departure, any information you could give me to relay to him would be helpful.

I am enclosing copies of the correspondence between Senator Hughes and the Chinese officials and an information sheet on Miss Ma. If you need further information, please contact me.

Mr. George Bush
December 4, 1974
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Thank you for your attention to this request and for any assistance you might be able to provide Mr. Wong.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bob Ray", written over the printed name and title.

Robert D. Ray
Governor

RDR/jn
Enclosures

MELIO A. TONINI
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
518 SAVINGS AND LOAN BLDG.
DES MOINES, IOWA 50309
TELEPHONE 244-4297
AREA CODE 515

April 10, 1974

Honorable Harold Hughes
U.S. Senator
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Hughes:

My client, Wayne Wong desires to bring his fiance from China. She is a resident of mainland China. Her name and address is as follows:

NAME: 馬美秀 盤山潮境圩

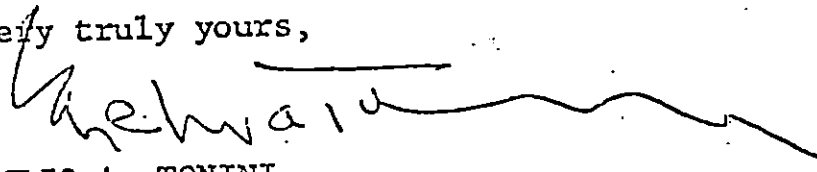
ADDRESS: Toison, China

The Americanization of her name is Me Sue, MA.

We were wondering whether there is any possibility of expediting her departure from mainland China? We were making application for her departure as an alien fiance.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Very truly yours,


MELIO A. TONINI

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

April 18, 1974

The Honorable Mr. Chi
Chinese Liaison Office
2300 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Mr. Chi:

My office has been contacted by Mr. Wayne Wong of Des Moines, Iowa, who is in the process of bringing his fiancée, Me Sue Ma, to this country so they may be married. I believe Mr. Wong has written and spoken with Mr. Ma in your office and you may be aware of this situation through Mr. Wong's correspondence of December and March.

I am enclosing information sent me by Mr. Wong and his lawyer, Mr. Tonini, which might assist in identifying this case. Apparently, Miss Ma applied for an exit visa to Hong Kong last fall and this was approved. However, she has not been able to leave mainland China yet. I know every consideration is being given to the processing of the necessary forms for her departure and would simply like to offer my assistance, if there is something you might suggest I do in order to expedite her entry into the United States; and to request that you keep me informed as to the progress of this case, so I might allay the impatience of the prospective groom.

You have spoken with one of my staff members, Mrs. Jaquelyn Russell, who has been in touch with Mr. Wong in Des Moines, and I would appreciate your contacting her at 225-3744 if you have any information or questions.

Thank you very much for your attention to this request, and for any assistance you might be able to provide Mr. Wong.

Kindest regards.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD E. HUGHES

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JUN 7 1974
中华人民共和国驻美利坚合众国联络处
THE LIAISON OFFICE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

June 3, 1974.

The Honorable Harold E. Hughes,
U. S. Senator,
United States Senate,
Washington D.C.

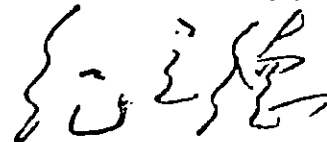
Dear Senator Hughes,

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your
letter dated April 18, 1974.

With regard to the desire of Mr. Wong to
bring his fiancée from China to the United States,
it is advisable for Miss Ma Me Sue to make an inquiry
at the local authorities concerned in China.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Chi Li-te)

Official

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

June 24, 1974

The Honorable Chairman
Revolutionary Committee
Kwang Tung Province
People's Republic of China

Honorable Sir:

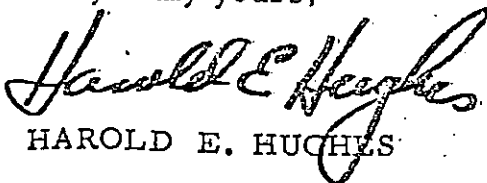
My office was contacted in April of this year by Mr. Wayne Wong of Des Moines, Iowa, who is in the process of bringing his fiancée, Me Sue Ma, to this country so they may be married. Apparently, Miss Ma applied for an exit visa to Hong Kong last fall and this was approved. However, she has not been able to leave mainland China yet.

As you will note from the enclosed copy, I have written the Liaison Office of the People's Republic of China to determine if there is some means by which Miss Ma may be assisted in the paperwork necessary for her departure. Mr. Chi has referred me to your kind offices. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to express my interest in the progress of this case and would appreciate your letting me know if there is any way in which my office can be of assistance to these two young people.

I know every consideration is being given to Miss Ma and thank you for your kind consideration of this request for information so that I might adequately respond to Mr. Wong's inquiry.

Kindest personal regards.

Very truly yours,


HAROLD E. HUGHES

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Translation:

Ma Me Sue was born July 5th, 1955,
at Toison #28, 1st Street in Chou
Cheng Market in Toison District in
Kwang Tung province.

She is now working at the Dou
Shan motorboat fleet (group) in
Toison District, Kwang Tung
province.

She is applying with the People's
transit (migration) officer in Toison
District to go abroad.

The reason for her application
is for purposes of marriage.

NAME MA ME SUE
Birth Date July 5, 1955



馬美秀一九五五年四月初五日在中國
廣東省台山縣潮境圩第一街門牌
二拾八號出生現在。在廣東省台山縣
斗山機船隊工作。申請出國係在
台山縣人民書入口處。理由係申請
未婚。

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF NONIMMIGRANT VISA PETITION
FOR FIANCE OR FIANCEE

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PETITIONER

Wayne Wong
2414 High St.
Des Moines, Iowa 50312

NAME OF BENEFICIARY	
MA Me Sue	
FILE NO.	
A20 940 449	
DATE OF APPROVAL OF PETITION	PETITION IS VALID FOR FOUR MONTHS FROM DATE OF APPROVAL
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Please be advised that approval of the petition constitutes a determination that the beneficiary is classifiable under a specified nonimmigrant classification. The approval constitutes no assurance that the beneficiary will be found eligible for visa issuance, admission to the United States or change of nonimmigrant status. Eligibility for visa issuance is determined only when application therefor is made to a consular officer; eligibility for admission or change of status is determined only when application therefor is made to an immigration officer. Also, please note the items below which are indicated by "X" marks concerning this petition:

- ☒ THE PETITION HAS BEEN APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE AT WHICH THE BENEFICIARY WILL APPLY FOR VISA ISSUANCE. ANY INQUIRY CONCERNING VISA ISSUANCE SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE CONSULATE AT Hong Kong
This service will be unable to answer any inquiry concerning visa issuance.
- ☒ DOCUMENTS WHICH YOU SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF YOUR PETITION HAVE SERVED OUR PURPOSE AND ARE RETURNED.
- ☐ REMARKS:

IMPORTANT

1. The approval of this petition is conditioned upon the beneficiary executing a statement before the American Consul of ability and intent to conclude a valid marriage with you within 90 days after arrival in the United States.
2. There are attached the application for permanent residence status forms which must be executed and filed by the beneficiary after you and the beneficiary are legally married to each other. This notice should be submitted with that application when it is filed.
3. If for any reason, you and the beneficiary are not married to each other within 90 days after arrival in the United States, please report that fact to this office.
4. Separate applications for permanent residence status must be submitted by or on behalf of any children who may have accompanied or followed to join the beneficiary.

CERTIFIED MAIL

Very truly yours,

CC: Melio Tonini, Attorney at Law

DISTRICT DIRECTOR



ROBERT D. RAY
GOVERNOR

Office of the Governor

STATE CAPITOL
DES MOINES, IOWA 50319

December 10, 1974

File

The Honorable George Bush
United States Liaison Office
Kuang Hau Lu, 17
Peking, People's Republic of China

Dear George:

It was great of you to take time to personally type a letter of congratulations to me. I am glad you didn't type it in Chinese.

I am sure your new job must be an exciting one and I hope you are enjoying it. We do, of course, miss your good advice and counsel back here.

The Republican Party has a long way to go to fulfill its responsibility of representing the people of this Country and to be responsive to them.

You're a super guy to be so thoughtful as to write me a letter of congratulations. I do appreciate it.

Thank you, George.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "RDR", written over the printed name.
Robert D. Ray
Governor

RDR/da

November 8, 1974

Mr. Clifford C. Rea
67 Orchard Road
Orinda, California 94563

Dear Mr. Rea:

I've checked my history books and can assure you that Premier Chou En-lai was not in the Labor Corps groups with which you were associated back in 1917. Chou was a student in France after WWI.

It was good of you to bring to my attention this interesting bit of personal history. I wonder if you'd ever recognize the China you knew so long ago.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

George Bush

EXEC:BMcKinley:jeh

CLIFFORD C. REA
67 ORCHARD ROAD
ORINDA, CALIFORNIA 94563

October 28, 1974

Mr. George Bush
U. S. Kiason Office
Peking, People's Republic of China

Dear Mr. Bush:

Perhpas you could find time and have the opportunity to get a bit of information for me. That is after you get settled in your new position.

During WWI I wore two different uniforms in helping to transport several thousand Coolies of the 100,000 that England imported from North China, WeiHai Wei to be exact to help win WWI.

In working on this part of my adventures in early life I got to wondering if those who made it back to China might have become a part of Mao Tseitung revolutionaries. I learned that Mao wasn't in reading Edgar Snow's book Red Star Over China. He was in an academy and too old.

Now I'm wondering if Chou En-Lai could have been one of the ones who was in France and further, if he was one that served in France if he could have been one of those I helped to transport. He is about my age and those I helped transport were my age at the time or maybe a bit older. I served in the Canadian Militia as a guard on the trains between Vancouver, B. C. to Montreal from Aug. 2, 1917 to Sept. 3, 1917. Then I joined the Canadian Maechant Marine sailing on the Empress of Russia that brought back 2200 of these Coolies from Wei HaiWei to Vancouver. The trip was from Sept. 17, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1917.

From the above dates if Chou En-Lai was one of those I helped transport he could tell from the train dates and the dates on the Empress of Russia. When you talk to him perhaps you could find occassion to ask him if he served in the Labor Corps and if so if he travelled during the dates listed above. Also I'd like to learn if any of the close associates of Mao and Chou could have been in the Labor Corps.

If some of these 100,000 Coolies became a part of Mao's Revolutionaries it would add interest as well as historical significance. I hope you find occassion to inquire for me.

In case you may think from the above that I am a Canadian, not so, I was born and raised in Savannah, Mo. and after the above adventures served in the American Merchant Marine until after WWI ended.

Hopefully yours,

Clifford C. Rea

November 5, 1974

Mrs. Paula Rendon
631 Zoe Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Paula:

We really miss you very, very much.

I was going through some files and I ran across a copy of the letter I wrote to the Internal Revenue Service regarding your taxes. I never got an answer to the letter. You will recall they raised a question about your deductions. If there are ever any problems in the future about this, please contact me. If you are in Houston at the time you can simply send me a photocopy of any new letter from the Internal Revenue Service. I do not think they will get in touch with you again, since I think my letter should have solved the problem, but I just wanted to assure you that even though we are in China we can handle this kind of matter for you.

Everything is fine here. Fred stays dirty all of the time. There is a lot of dust in the air, and he has had three baths in ten days, but he simply cannot stay clean. We have all gotten adjusted to the long trip and all three of us are feeling good. Senora and I do a lot of bicycling. There are lots of things to see. Actually, bicycling can be a little bit dangerous since there are so many people riding bikes now in Peking. I can still play tennis outdoors. The weather is not too cold for that. Our house is very nice, plenty of room. We miss your fantastic cooking, but we do like Chinese food and that is all we are eating over here. We will sure be ready for some Paula Rendon dishes when Senora comes back to the States in mid-December and when

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I come back later on. I hope your family is all well. I just cannot tell you how much we miss you. Give our love to all your children and grandchildren, but most of all, we send our love to you.

Enclosure:

Copy of letter to the Internal
Revenue Service

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

October 22, 1974

Mr. Don Rhodes
5161 Palisade Lane, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20016

Dear Don:

Please ask Jane where the Jim Bush file is. Also, ask her whether she sent a letter to Mr. Betts in the Philippines advising him that Mrs. Clement would be handling the Jim Bush matter. If she did this, ask her to so advise Mrs. Clement.

All is well here. I will write in more detail later.

Sincerely,

George Bush

"Also ask JK where are copies of my letters to Pres. Nixon on his resignation and resignation of Ziegler. Also where are pens RN gave me on certain bills -- in safe ?? I don't need them just need to know where they are!!GB"

GBush:lz (International)

November 28, 1974

The Honorable
John J. Rhodes
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear John:

Your November 18 letter arrived yesterday. I liked your "call for early organization." It seems to me there is a lot to be said for our being the ones ready to work, get the job done, be constructive in solving the tough problems.

You asked about my reactions to life here. The change of pace is enormous. My phone doesn't ring--after many years of incessant ringing, it's rather weird. I'm reasonably optimistic about our policy. I'm writing this during the middle of the Kissinger talks and they are moving along very well. I'm free to travel, and we are treated with great cordiality by the Chinese. Indeed, our limited diplomatic status does not appear to affect us adversely in any substantive way. I think we are treated as well as all other diplomats.

The frustrations stem from a wholesale lack of information and the difficulty in engaging the Chinese in day-to-day substantive talks. For me, however, the pluses far outweigh the frustrations.

Barbara is going to bring this letter with her. She's coming home for Christmas with the children. She's hoping to see you both over the holidays.

Warm regards,

George Bush

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New letter added in plates

Rhodes, Mr. [unclear]



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

JOHN J. RHODES
MINORITY LEADER

November 18, 1974

Dear George:

It was good to have your note of November 9, and know that if I get to the People's Republic of China I will have an open door waiting. At this writing I have no plans for a trip to your area, but, as you know, it is not impossible that something could come up which would allow me to see you.

I am sure that by now the results of the election have caught up with you...and you can realize the amount of work which must be done in the next two years. Along that line, I am enclosing a news release which will indicate my position on our efforts in the 94th Congress.

When you have a moment, I would be pleased to know of your reactions to your new life, in any detail you care to share. I can understand that you miss politics but I feel certain the challenges must be similar, at the very least. I know you are doing your usual superb work for our great Country.

Best personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

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

**REPRESENTATIVE
JOHN J. RHODES**

1st Congressional District, Arizona
House Republican Leader

File

H 232 Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515
Telephone: 202-225-0606

NEWS RELEASE

Contact: J. Brian Smith

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NOVEMBER 8, 1974

RHODES CALLS FOR EARLY ORGANIZATION OF REPUBLICANS IN THE 94th CONGRESS

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- House Minority Leader John J. Rhodes (R-Ariz) today announced that he has called for early organization of Republicans in the 94th House of Representatives. Rhodes has requested all Republican members-elect and reelected incumbent members to meet in Conference on December 2, 1974, at 12 noon in the Caucus Room of the Cannon House Office Building.

Traditionally, party organization has dominated the first few weeks of any new Congress. This year, however, Rhodes has called for early organization by authority of House Resolution 988 -- Committee Reform Amendments of 1974 -- adopted by the House on October 8, 1974. Under this new resolution, the House Majority and Minority Leader, in consultation with the Speaker of the House, may request an early organizational session any time between December 1 and December 20. The Clerk of the House will then notify all newly-elected members of the preliminary session. Reelected Members of the 93rd Congress will be in Washington, having returned November 18 at the close of the election recess.

"The many problems facing the country dictate the full attention of the Congress," Rhodes stated. "It is my hope that early organization will enable the 94th Congress to get an early start on the business of the people."

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November 9, 1974

Honorable John J. Rhodes
Minority Leader
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Johnny:

Just a quick note to thank you for your note about Gordon Buskirk. It caught up with me in China on November 4. I remember Gordon well from our Midland Texas days.

I am dictating this on election night with fingers crossed. I sure miss politics, but I'm enjoying this tremendous new assignment.

When are you coming out here? The door is wide open.

Warm regards.

Sincerely yours,

George Bush

GBush:1z (INTERNATIONAL)

JOHN J. RHODES
1ST DISTRICT, ARIZONA

Office of the Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

October 15, 1974

Hon. George Bush
5161 Palisade Lane NW
Washington, D. C. 20016

Dear George:

When I was in San Antonio I met Gordon Buskirk, and he asked to be remembered to you.

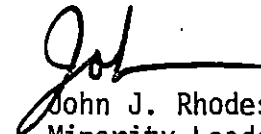
I was inclined to believe that he is, indeed, your friend because he paid you a number of accurate compliments.

In case you have lost track of him, and do want to drop a note, his address is:

1207 Bedford
Midland, Texas

Best regards.

Yours sincerely,


John J. Rhodes, M.C.
Minority Leader

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November 28, 1974

Mr. S. Dillon Ripley
Secretary
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C. 20560

Dear Dillon:

I am dictating this letter hopefully in time to get Barbara to carry it with her when she returns to the States to come back for Christmas on the Kissinger plane. Thanks for your great letter of November 19. The tubes with the reproductions have not arrived, but needless to say, my anticipation is great. They sound ideal. I hope it wasn't a great deal of trouble.

One problem, oddly enough, in a land where so many things are done beautifully by hand, is that framing here is not good, but we are going to mosey around some little stores and see if we can't find a place to tastefully frame and mat the reproductions the way you suggest. It will be a project to keep me busy when Bar is gone. Incidentally, my mother, whom you know, is coming out here for Christmas and we are very pleased about that. I am very serious about your coming here. It would be great and you more than almost anyone I know would get a real kick out of it.

Thank you again for your prompt response to my plea. Bar and I are thrilled.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Mr. Bush Mailer

Ripley, Barbara



SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Washington, D. C. 20560
U.S.A.

November 19, 1974

Honorable George Bush, Chief
United States Liaison Office
People's Republic of China
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear George:

I do envy you and Barbara the excitement of discovering Peking. Nothing would please me more than to be able to accept your kind invitation to stay in either the nice guestroom downstairs or a cozy one upstairs; perhaps I can be in touch with you again as plans for the next months unfold.

In the meanwhile, I am sending you not one but four mailing tubes containing an assortment of reproductions of American works in our newest museum, the Hirshhorn. These are really quite good, and colorful, and should include something for almost any taste. There are also four posters done for the Hirshhorn opening, which are also eminently framable.

I would suggest that you might try to have these matted and framed in such a way that they can be easily changed. We (and other museums) could keep up a pretty continuous flow of reproductions of this sort, which could be popped into the frames for a permanent, changing exhibition of American art. But perhaps the paintings you are having shipped out, plus what Barbara and Mrs. Thompson work out, will take care of your long-range needs.

Mary joins me in sending warmest greetings to you and Barbara. I look forward to a reunion in Peking.

Sincerely yours,

S. Dillon Ripley
Secretary

My best to the Muskegon in the Peking Zoo! and to Dr. Cheng, the ornithologist at Academia Sinica.



SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Washington, D. C. 20560
U.S.A.

file

19 November 1974

The Honorable George Bush
American Ambassador
People's Republic of China
Peking
China

Dear George:

It just occurred to me that you might be in a position to advise us concerning our efforts to arrange a visit of the Board of Regents to China.

The background of attempts to plan such a visit is contained in the enclosed copies of correspondence and derives from the late Frank Bow's often reiterated desire to have the Regents as a group visit their opposite numbers (if there are such) as, for example the governing boards of Royal Societies, the Accademia in Rome or the Bibliotheque National.

As you know, the mandate of the Smithsonian Institution is "for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men," and includes the fields of science, history, and art. As a matter of fact, about one year ago a Chinese medical group visited the Smithsonian Institution. They were interested in, among other things, T. Dale Stewart's physical anthropology studies on the peopling of Asia from the Chinese mainland, along with parallel studies of the prehistory of the American continent. So perhaps we could on an initial visit propose a joint symposium at some future date to exploit our competence in museology, archaeology, and biological studies.

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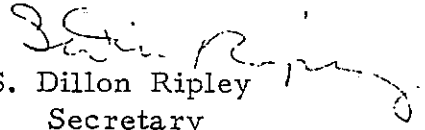
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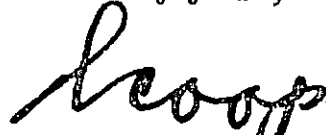
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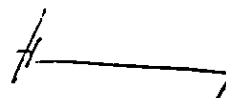
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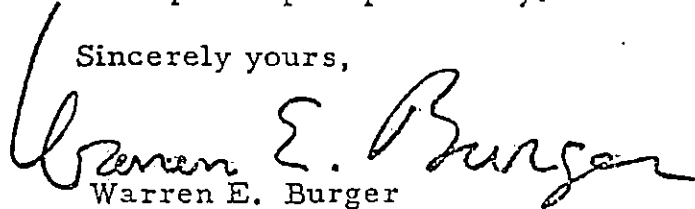
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November 27, 1974

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Dear Dillon:

Thanks for your letter of November 19. A visit by the Board of Regents would be a great plus for Sino-U.S. cultural relations. While I agree with you that the Chinese Academy of Sciences would undoubtedly be interested in exchanges with the Smithsonian, I find it difficult to estimate what might be their reaction to the idea of symposiums.

As another step in getting your Regents delegation rolling, I will mention my own personal support for the idea to Ambassador Huang Chen, who is here in Peking for Secretary Kissinger's visit, and to other Chinese officials on the appropriate occasion. I really hope this visit comes off.

Barbara joins in very best wishes to you and Mary.

Very truly yours,

George Bush

*"The pictures are here They are first class-
many many thanks!
GB"*

*Mailed by Mrs Bush
in the states*



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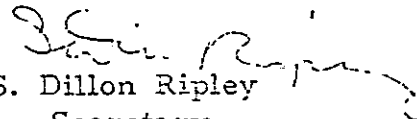
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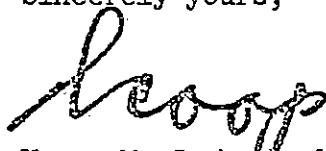
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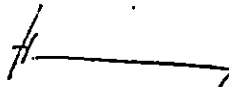
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Smithsonian Institution
1000 Jefferson Drive, S.W.
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When Barbara comes back she is going to talk to Mrs. Llewellyn Thompson about the Arts in Embassies program, but, in the meantime, we are sitting in a lovely Residence but with no pictures on the wall. I am wondering if you know of any cheap, but tasteful, prints or pictures that could be rolled up in a tube and sent to us here. I would, of course, be glad to pay for them and I would trust your judgment completely. Perhaps the Smithsonian has a series of early American prints (copies) that we could frame out here and scatter around a few little rooms in the Liaison Office and in the Residence. I have in mind six or eight pictures of some sort. I really do not want to spend a lot of money on this because we have sent a surface shipment out including some rather pleasant paintings. But, if you have any items at the Smithsonian that would fit this description, would you please roll them up, stick them in a tube, and send them to me at the following address: USLO - Peking, Department of State, Washington, D. C. 20520. Please send me the bill and I will shoot you a check by return mail.

This is a most fantastic job. There are frustrations, of course, but there are many great rewarding contacts with diplomats and with Chinese officials, and, in addition, there is the majesty of Peking. We are just beginning to discover its full dimension. Barbara and I bicycle an awful lot, and a couple of days ago we climbed in the Western Hills.

There is so much to learn.

Ripley, Dillon

I miss politics, and I miss Washington, but in spite of that, we are thrilled to be here. I hope that one day you will come our way. Needless to say, we would love to have you stay with us. We have a nice guestroom downstairs and then some cozier guestrooms upstairs. So, we've got room for you, and I would love to wander around Peking at your side. So do come.

I hope this isn't a horrible imposition asking you to send us some little odds and ends to brighten up some wall space here. Come to think of it, even some colorful art reproductions would be O.K. The big thing, though, is that we need them fairly soon. If you have any questions on shipping, perhaps Oscar Armstrong, who is in charge of the China Desk at the State Department, would be more than happy to give your office any details.

Say hello to the Alibi members for me.

Warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

George Bush

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Bush: ok - 1/11*

Sir:

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December 30, 1974

Mr. S. Dillon Ripley
Secretary
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C. 20560

Dear Dillon:

I got your great letter of December 12. Needless to say, it would be a great treat for us if you could spend a few days in Peking. Coming in from Hong Kong is a cinch -- you simply cross the bridge, take the train to Canton and fly to Peking. There are marvelous connections now from Peking to Tokyo, some of them nonstop, thus making it very easy to get back to the States. We, of course, would love to have Mr. Austin if he will be here when you are. I feel like I know him, and we have room for all of you in our house -- not fancy, but we think reasonably comfortable. There's plenty to see right here in Peking and we could get you some transportation so you could be free as birds. Try to do it.

My mother is out here now and sends her best.

Warm regards,



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December 12, 1974

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

Dear George:

Thank you so much for your letter and I am glad that you got the pictures. We will continue to think of ways to help out and I have mentioned to Jane Thompson that we are doing so.

Mary and I would love to come on to visit you in China after spending some time in India in February this year. Provided the Appropriations hearings in the House and Senate do not come too early in March, we might be able to fly to you from Pakistan, or Hong Kong whichever would be more speedy. We are hoping to visit Bombay and join up with my co-author Salim Ali (we have just finished 10 volumes on the birds of the whole Indian sub-region together) and do some field work in central India studying two of the most elusive birds of the whole area, an owl and a courser-a kind of sandpiper-like bird which lives on the ground.

One of our Regents who is particularly keen to visit China, is someone who might be able to coincide with our trip. I do not know whether it would be feasible to include him? His name is J. Paul Austin, and he is the Chairman of the Coca Cola Company in Atlanta, Georgia. He is a great friend of the Smithsonian and a most devoted Regents. However, I have no idea of his present program and am merely mentioning him because he has not yet been to China and is one of the keenest on the Board to visit.

The exhibition opened brilliantly on Tuesday night to Trustees and friends of the National Gallery. The dinner was a great

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success and was attended by the Chinese Delegation here. The Exhibit looks beautiful and has received rave reviews in the papers. It opens to the public today. I am sending you under separate cover a catalogue of the show in Washington.

With best wishes to you and Barbara from Mary and myself, I am,

Always sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Din", written in dark ink.

S. Dillon Ripley
Secretary

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November 18, 1974

DAVID ROCKEFELLER *Chairman of the Board*

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

Dear George:

You were extremely thoughtful to take time out during your first hectic days in Peking to send me such a cordial note along with the newspaper article containing my quote on the U.S. economic situation.

I'm delighted that you and Barbara are finding the People's Republic of China as interesting as Peggy and I did when we visited last year. We certainly would welcome the opportunity to make another visit to Peking, especially now that you have extended such a cordial invitation.

Peggy joins me in sending every good wish for an interesting and productive tenure in your new post.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

David

P.S. needless to say the quote was taken out of context, what I really said was I thought a serious depression was most unlikely!

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Rockefeller, David

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December 27, 1974

Honorable Nelson Rockefeller
Vice President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Nelson:

Just a quick note from Peking to congratulate you on your confirmation and to commend you on the way you held up over the last couple of grueling months. Please give our love to Happy. We have thought of her often during the last few weeks.

All is well here in Peking. I like this new assignment tremendously and though I miss politics and miss our friends in the States, I wouldn't change for anything right now. Someday I hope you will be coming out here. Needless to say, we'd love to have you come for a visit, but if you can't make it, send Happy -- we promise to give her a good time. Maybe she could use a good rest this spring in good old downtown Peking.

Warmest regards and congratulations.

December 3, 1974

Mr. Alvin Romansky
2929 Buffalo Speedway 2214
Houston, Texas 77006

Dear Alvin:

I wish I could be of some help to you with your visa request. Sometimes these visas are worked out through cruises like the Cunard Lines cruise you mentioned. That is an excellent way to get in. The other way is to simply apply for a visa to the People's Republic of China through their Liaison Office, 2300 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008. I hate to sound discouraging, but very few visas are given to individuals since there are so many arrangements required on this end. I wish I could tell you that we could help, but the visits of private citizens are handled directly between the PRCLC in Washington and the person applying; that is unless the cruise can come up with a package of visas which they sometimes do.

I do hope you come to China and if you get to Peking, needless to say, we'd be delighted to see you both.

Warm regards,

George Bush

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Dear Friend,
My wife will
be with me on the Q-E II.
Most Graciously,

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Peking, December 19, 1974

Honorable William V. Roth, Jr.
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Dear Bill:

It was great getting your December 6 letter. You two will definitely have to come out here--don't forget it.

Regarding consulting firms. I know Bailey and Deardourff and I think very highly of that firm. In my judgment, the big thing about those firms is to be sure you have a commitment from them that their top-level talent will spend a certain amount of time on your race--the thing you don't want is to have them farm the account out to some junior-grade ex-AA who may or may not be any good.

I have a lot of confidence in Eddie Mahe at the National Committee and I think he would be flattered if you called him and asked his advice on the proficiency of the various firms.

Love to Jane. Maybe you'll catch a glimpse of Barbara over Christmas. After having all five kids together and getting them bundled off for school, she'll come back here to Peking around January 6.

Warm regards,

George Bush

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I have been invited to the Tokyo meeting in May of the Trilateral Commission, of which I am a member. Perhaps, our visit could be worked out at that time.

The recent elections were indeed disappointing. Currently, Lou Wyman has lost by 10 votes, although hopefully that result may again be reversed. I assume by now that the National Committee has sent you all the returns.

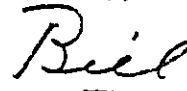
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Jane joins me in wishing you and Bar a very Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hope all goes well with you
and your family.

With warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill".

William V. Roth, Jr.

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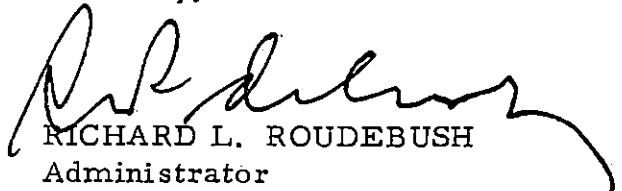
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all miss you and Barbara.

The Japan trip has
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You have seen the results.

I think I will send you the most recent report anyway.

Even if I can't make the January trip (may go to Fla. with friends) I will certainly visit later on. (If I can get in).

All of your friends wish you the best.

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