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December 3, 1974

Mr. Frederick H. Sacksteder, Jr.
6000 Torrey Pines Drive
El Paso, Texas, 79912

Dear Fred:

Thanks for your letter of November 12. Bar and I both loved it. I am sorry I missed the United Nations Day in Texas. I had been invited to be the speaker a long, long time ago, but then the China assignment knocked that into a cocked hat. I'm glad you were there and I'm glad the whole thing was a success. All's well out here. I miss the kids, friends and politics, but this is a challenging new assignment and I am very pleased to be in it.

Speaking of tennis courts, they have two indoor courts at the International Club just three blocks from our house. They're not at all bad and we're awful lucky to have such a facility right here in Peking.

Love to all El Pasoans. Call Patty Bruce for me and give her my love and tell her that I really loved my last two visits with her beyond any expectations. She is terrific. Say "hello" to all the others, too. Tell Don I hope he runs and wins. I'd love to have another evening like that last one in Juarez.

Warm regards,

George Bush

6000 Torrey Pines Drive,
El Paso, Texas, 79912

FREDERICK H. SACKSTEDER, JR.

November 12, 1974

The Honorable
George Bush,
U.S.L.O., Peking.

Dear George:

The United Nations came to Texas last Saturday, November 9, and I had the pleasure of going to Houston for the occasion. It was while I was there that I learned you were to have spoken at the dinner in honor of the Secretary General and your successor. Frank Gary, of IBM, came over, from Florida I understand, to pinch-hit for you. This will confirm reports you may have received that the affair went very well, and that your Houstonian friends did a fine organizational job. Although there were some there who thought that it would have been a perfect evening if you could have been there.

On Sunday Kenneth Burroughs arranged a meeting of the presidents and other representatives of the UN Association chapters throughout Texas, and we organized a Texas Division of UNA - USA, in hopes that by working together and helping each other we can revive interest by Texas in supporting the United Nations. As we met at the Racquets Club, I could almost see you on one of the courts!

We think of both of you, fondly and frequently, and hope that you are enjoying your experience as you become acclimatized to your strange surroundings.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

*I had hoped to see the Alan Shepards Fred
at the dinner, but they married their daughter that evening instead*

J.F.

This is the guy
(called me twice last Jan. 4)
who was supposed to show

Sat. Please save
lest he call back



SANGMAN DENG
- NUMISA

Monsieur, Grand-Beyroun

Je commence ma lettre en vous
présentant. Je suis en recherche de Jinsara et je suis
à Pékin en y'étant de la langue chinoise
comme étudiant à l'Université du Commerce
Chinois. Alors, je suis très grand ami de M.
Nelson de l'Armada des Etats-Unis à Jinsara
"Il est chargé d'affaires de l'Armada"
Enfin, il m'a été de vous voir et vous souhaitez per
sonnellement une heureuse - Année 75.
Alors moi je ne suis pas en de trouver vos lettres. Seule.
ment si vous voulez me voir à l'institut en l'habite est
tue à nord-est de Pékin et l'adresse est en haut.
Le numéro de téléphone : 277249.

A Monsieur Bush

INSTITUT des langues de Pékin
Bot. 9. Ch. 226 à Pékin

SANGMAN DENG - NUMISA

Pékin, 22/



FRANCIS W. SARGENT
GOVERNOR

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

November 27, 1974

Handwritten: 12/9

Dear George:

Many thanks for your letter of November 8th. It's tough to lose, but I don't believe there was anything we could have done to stem the tide.

I'm delighted you're enjoying your new assignment in Peking -- it sounds most interesting! My plans for the future are still uncertain; however, I do plan to stay "alive".

Again, thanks and best wishes,

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature, likely "Frank", written in dark ink.

The Honorable George Bush
United States Liaison Office
Peking Peoples Republic of China
In care of Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

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

November 4, 1974

Mr. Ron Sarro
President
The Washington Press Club
505 National Press Building
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Sarro:

I read with considerable interest your letter on the efforts of the Washington Press Club to arrange a visit to the People's Republic of China. Only a couple of days before, I had emphasized to a responsible Chinese official the importance we attach to having more American journalists visit China. The staff of the United States Liaison Office in Peking has been pursuing this issue for some time, although unfortunately with limited success. I intend to redouble our efforts in this direction.

The visit you outlined would, I believe, make an important contribution to understanding between China and the United States. However, given the number of requests for assistance which we receive, I am sure you understand that we cannot favor one group against another by pressing their particular project with the Chinese and thus will be unable to put in the requested personal word. I can assure you that we have been contacted by virtually all news organizations in the United States. I hope our efforts on behalf of all American journalists will lead to the Chinese inviting your group.

I am enclosing a memorandum to me prepared by a member of my staff. I hope you will find it useful and particularly its suggestion that you renew your expression of interest with the Chinese at frequent intervals.

Our best wishes to you and the Washington Press Club.

Sincerely,

George Bush

Enclosure: As stated

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MEMORANDUM

TO : Ambassador Bush

SUBJECT : Inquiry of The Washington Press Club

As you know, we have been pressing the Chinese for some time to admit American journalists to China. In September, we had long conversations with the Information Department man responsible for contacts with foreign journalists. He gave us the impression at that time that the Chinese were contemplating the admission of one or more groups of American journalists into China on a tour later this year. So far, however, the only visible result has been the admission of one American correspondent (Henry Bradsher, The Washington Star's man in Hong Kong) to Canton to cover the Trade Fair. He was the first American correspondent to visit China in almost a year. Your raising this subject during higher level calls last week may hopefully prod them into issuing more invitations.

The Washington Press Club would do well to reemphasize their interest in sending a delegation to the People's Republic of China with letters to PRCIO in Washington and to the Information Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Peking, People's Republic of China. We would agree that their proposal should be for a group of between 15 and 20 people.

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a potential group
Needs in tellugit
reply - On this one
like someone send me a memo
on what they might do - I'll send
them + come letter to same



THE WASHINGTON PRESS CLUB

505 NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

202-393-3417

Oct. 14, 1974

Ambassador George Bush
U.S. Mission Peking
People's Republic of China

Dear Ambassador Bush,

We would appreciate your help in checking the status of the request for permission to travel to the People's Republic of China by members of the Washington Press Club.

As I'm sure you are aware, the club is one of the oldest in America, having been founded in 1919 as the Women's National Press Club. Three years ago, the club voted to change its name and to admit qualified male journalists and our membership now is approaching the 700 mark.

Two years ago, the club began attempts to win entry to China for 40 members who signed up for a three-week journey. Although initially, encouragement was promising, China's approval has never materialized and subsequent followups have indicated the prospects seem bleak.

Wauhilla La Hay, president of the club last year, wrote an official letter of inquiry to the Chinese Embassy in Ottawa but received a discouraging reply. Within the past three months, Susanna McBee, the China trip chairwoman, inquired again of officials at the Chinese Mission here.

The official line appears to be that such a trip virtually is impossible because the Chinese are cutting back on American tourists to allow more from Australia, New Zealand and European countries. Additionally, officials say, tourist facilities still are scarce.

The State Department has advised us that the ideal size of a group is between 15 and 20. We proposed forming two groups or cutting the size of a single group, or of restricting the group to working reporters who are club members. But the Chinese Mission so far appears to be unswayed.

We hope that a personal word between a member of our Mission, hopefully its leader, and a member of their government can turn the tide and win approval for our trip. We believe such a trip would do much to further open the doors between the two countries and would be of mutual interest. Any efforts in our behalf would be appreciated.

Best wishes,

Ron Sarro
Ron Sarro
President

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

October 25, 1974

Mrs. Mary Louise Schwarzman
c/o Congressman William Archer
1608 Longworth Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mary Lou:

Please send me copies of the bills for tuition
for Marvin and Doro.

The State Department will reimburse us for their
tuition.

They will also reimburse us for one round trip
ticket for Neil, Marvin, and Doro.

Hastily,

Love,

George Bush

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FOR AMBASSADOR SCALI FROM GEORGE BUSH

Aga Shahi, former Pak Permrep, is in NYC now. Please tell him I received his note and hope he will be coming to Peking soon. Also please tell Senator Percy his message delivered to Jay Rockefeller. Best regards.

for Bush
BUSH

Shahi, note

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December 19, 1974

Honorable Hugh Scott
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Hugh:

Thank you for your good letter of December 4. Our staff here has tried to be helpful to the All-Philadelphia Boys Choir. We have been in touch with them. But the fact remains that most of the action on this kind of deal, as you well know, takes place there with the PRCLO.

Knowing of your personal interest in this, I will stay alert to ways in which I might be helpful to Dr. Hamilton.

I read that you were very impressed with the Archeological Exhibit. I'm glad of that. I personally was very much concerned about the press flap. Some day I'd like to talk to you about this. I will probably be back in the US for consultations at the end of January.

I saw Mike Mansfield in Honolulu where I was attending an EA Chiefs of Mission Conference. I missed him here in Peking, unfortunately, although I'm having lunch today with some of his entourage. Things remain fascinating and fulfilling in spite of the few but obvious frustrations that exist here.

Barbara is home for Christmas with the family, but my mother will be out here looking after her little boy. All's well. Give our love to Marian.

Sincerely,

George Bush

GBush:hek

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

JOHN H. HOLLoman III
CHIEF COUNSEL AND STAFF DIRECTOR

December 4, 1974

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The Honorable George Bush
Head of the American Mission
17 Guang Hua Road
Peking
People's Republic of China

Dear George:

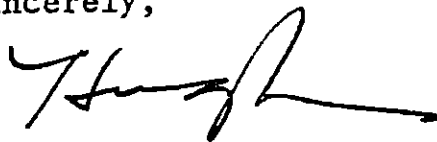
The All-Philadelphia Boys Choir, under the direction of Dr. Robert G. Hamilton, is very much interested in obtaining an invitation to tour the People's Republic of China. Dr. Hamilton wrote to you on October 24, 1974, and presented the background material on the Choir.

The Choir is outstanding, and they have performed in many places throughout the world.

Any assistance you are able to give to make it possible for these goodwill ambassadors to perform in the People's Republic of China would be appreciated.

With personal regards,

Sincerely,



HUGH SCOTT
United States Senator

HS:vr

*Best to Barbara
from us -*



HUGH SCOTT
UNITED STATES SENATE

万里以外,敬祝快乐。

Wan li i wai ching chu k'uai lo

佈斯主席曾經說過:

pu ssu chu hsi ts'êng ching shuo kuo

人如能像油一样的

jên ju nêng hsiang yu i yang ti

流潤,就可交得許多

liu juñ chiu k'o chiao tê hsü to

朋友。

p'eng yu

If necessary...see next page

Wan li, i wai ching chu k'uai lo



HUGH SCOTT
UNITED STATES SENATE

"Happiness is ten thousand miles from here.

As Chairman Bush teaches: A little oil makes
many friends."

L2
show John + turn

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December 3, 1974

The Honorable Milton Shapp
Governor of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Milton:

You're a very considerate guy.

First, I want to thank you for including Barbara and me at that lovely banquet. We wouldn't have missed it, and I'm glad the schedule got juggled around. It was the most sumptuous feast I've ever seen. Secondly, I heard that you called here from Shanghai to say farewell; that, too, was most considerate. Barbara and I were both really pleased to have had this wonderful opportunity to get to know both of you. I hope our paths cross soon again in the future.

Bar flew off with Secretary Kissinger to spend Christmas with the kids and she'll be back early in January. If you are in Washington, give her a ring. I will be here since I didn't feel I should leave this soon after just arriving. It wouldn't be fair to the others at USLO, and besides I've now arranged for my mother to come out and spend Christmas, which will be a particular treat although I'll miss the kids and Barbara.

I think the Kissinger visit went very well. The Chinese seemed pleased and the tone of the meetings was excellent.

Thanks again, and I hope you and yours have a good Christmas and a prosperous 1975.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Jennifer--- ordered some cards for notes from
these people... should be here around Jan. 1.

Dec. 2nd

Dear Mr. Sheridan,

Jan~~ie~~ Kenny told me how helpful
you were to her in arranging to have those
engraved cards shipped out here. I just
want to thank you for your consideration.
The 2-ply cards will be just fine, given
the Copenhaver excellence. Also our in-
vitations arrived and they are perfect.
Many Thanks,

George Bush

Mr. Philip Sheridan
Copenhaver's Inc.
1518 Conn. Ave NW
Washington, D.C. 20036

December 20, 1974

Mrs. Gerald Shrawder
45922 Florida Avenue
Hemet, California 92343

Dear Mrs. Shrawder:

I wish I could be more optimistic about the request you made in your letter of November 11, but after checking with our staff of experts here, I think I should tell you that it is unlikely that your request for the Flying Tiger reunion to be held in Peking will be granted. It wouldn't hurt to make application to the PRC Liaison Office, 2300 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008. That's where the visas are issued. I'm sure you want a frank answer, and our assessment here is that they will be unlikely to grant a visa for this purpose.

I hate to be negative, but I do want to be frank.

I hope all's well with you--it was great hearing from you. Needless to say, Barbara and I are very pleased to be involved in this challenging new assignment.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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Riverside County Federation
of
Republican Women

45922 Florida Avenue
Hemet, California 92343
November 11, 1974

Ambassador George Bush
Peking, China

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

You may recall our having met at the Republican Convention in Los Angeles last September when I attended as delegate and President from this area.

Now that you are our Ambassador to the Peoples Republic of China I am writing to ask what the possibility might be of the Flying Tiger Pilots coming to Shanghai and Peking for their Reunion the coming year! Colonel Shrauder was a pilot with the China National Aviation Corporation and we were married in Shanghai in 1949.

As you recall, the Flying Tigers were organized as the American Volunteer Group under the command of General Claire Chennault. During their service to the Republic of China, the members of the AVG became highly interested in and dedicated to helping the beleaguered country of China to succeed in its war against the Japanese military forces. And now some 35 years later, the membership of the AVG would like to renew their friendship with the Peoples Republic of China by paying them a visit on the 35th anniversary of the inception of the American Volunteer Group.

Therefore I am writing you at this time Mr Ambassador, asking your advice and comments on the possibility of the AVG making a trip to China in 1975. I await your reply and wish you much success and enjoyment there.

Sincerely,
Gerald Shrauder
Mrs Gerald Shrauder

December 3, 1974

The Honorable
Henry P. Smith III
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Henry:

Just a quick note to thank you for your thoughtful letter of November 1w. We are doing fine here. I like this challenge enormously, but I must confess I miss family, friends and politics. Having said that, though, this is right for me for now and it is a wonderful assignment, as your letter pointed out. I am anxious to know what you will be doing next year. Let's stay in touch and thank you again for your thoughtful letter.

Bar flew back to the States with Kissinger for Christmas with the children, so maybe you'll see her there. Holler if I can ever be of assistance on this end.

Yours very truly,

George Bush



HENRY P. SMITH III

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

November 12, 1974

Dear George:

This is a somewhat delayed, but nonetheless enthusiastic, congratulation from Helen and me on your appointment as our envoy to the Peoples Republic of China. We think you and Barbara will do a great job in representing this country in that large and exciting, although inscrutable, land.

The Chinese people are one of the major keys to peace in this world among the nations and tribes of mankind. Your job is fraught with great hope as well as great risk. May God be with you both.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Henry Smith".

Honorable George Bush
Liaison Officer
USLO, Peking
Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20521

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December 20, 1974

Mr. Mark E. Spaeth
The Mark E. Spaeth Company
P. O. Box 5219
Austin, Texas 78763

Dear Mark:

You're right, I did find that letter you wrote to President Ford very interesting, and I also found it very thoughtful of you.

The Vice Presidency thing didn't work out, but needless to say, I'm tremendously excited and challenged by the new responsibilities here in Peking.

All's well. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Very truly yours,

George Bush

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Austin, Texas
November 12, 1974

1700 HERMANN DRIVE
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77004
PH. (713) 523-5700
CAR PH. 781-7540
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Honorable George Bush
Chairman of the National Republican Party
310 First Street Southeast
Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear Mr. Bush;

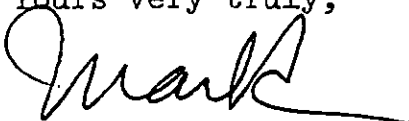
Please find enclosed herewith a copy of a letter that I have just written to President Ford which I am sure you will find of interest.

I do hope that you would accept the Vice Presidency of the United States if it were offered to you. The occasions that I have had the honor of being in your presence have always been very enjoyable. Your friendly, outgoing and warm manner is what this nation needs so badly at the moment.

I trust that you will avail yourself of me if the need ever arises.

I remain faithfully, and most sincerely.

Yours very truly,



Mark E. Spaeth

MES/lt
encl.

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President Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Ford;

As I am quite sure you are aware, I have long been a staunch supporter of the Republican Party and a strong believer in President Nixon.

Now that the Administration has passed on to you, I also give you my support and want to convey to you that at any time I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

The matter regarding Vice President elect Nelson Rockefeller's not being approved is quite distressing to me as I am sure it is equally to you. Our only hope is that this will be resolved quickly and he may assume the office that you have so rightly recommended he occupy.

If this is not possible, I do hope that you will consider Mr. George Bush as our Vice President. The last time I had occasion to see Mr. Bush was at the Opening Dedication Ceremonies of the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport hosted by John Connally. Of all the public figures there, Mr. Bush was most certainly the most available and friendly. He reminds me in many ways of you and your style, of which I heartily approve. I do hope that you will, if necessary, consider Mr. Bush as Vice President.

I trust that Mrs. Ford's recovery is continuing rapid and smooth. May God bless you, your family, and your Administration through what I am sure has been a very difficult and painful transition for you.

With warm regards and admiration, I remain;

Most sincerely,

Mark E. Spaeth

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✓ cc: Mr. George Bush

December 19, 1974

Honorable John Sparkman
United States Senate
Committee on Foreign Relations
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Sparkman:

Thank you for your letter of November 27, 1974. We are pleased to learn of Mr. Weil's interest in doing business with the People's Republic of China. As you can see from the enclosed letter, we have informed CHINATEX of this interest in the hope of furthering his initiatives.

While it is good that Mr. Weil has made contact with the People's Republic of China Liaison Office in Washington, it is important to keep in mind that the Chinese state trading corporations have the most important say as to who will be invited to do business in Peking. We think Mr. Weil should continue to keep the Liaison Office advised of his interest in trading with the PRC, but we would strongly urge him to write directly to CHINATEX soon. In doing so, he should provide full background information on his company and reiterate his willingness to come to Peking for introductory discussions.

As you are no doubt aware, world textile markets are weak at the moment and we are not certain that China will be in the market for raw cotton in the next six months. It is thus conceivable that Mr. Weil will not receive an immediate response from CHINATEX. Nevertheless, he should continue to write to the Corporation periodically, to keep the door open to future business. We would also advise him to send us copies of such correspondence so that our commercial officers can keep abreast of the matter. This correspondence should be addressed to Mr. Herbert E. Horowitz, Chief, of our Commercial/Economic Section.

I hope this will be of some help to Mr. Weil and that his efforts to establish a relationship with CHINATEX will eventually succeed. In the meantime, we would be happy to hear from him further, should he require additional advice or assistance.

Sincerely,

George Bush

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November 5, 1974

The Honorable
William Steiger
House of Representatives
Longworth Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bill:

Bar has written Jan all the news and if I started in to give you all my reactions to this fabulous assignment, it would take too much of your time. Suffice it to say the Bushes are alive, well, challenged, interested, excited, and, all in all, finding this land of contrasts a magnificent new experience.

Having said that, I have a favor to ask of you. Would you call a good cross section of our friends in Congress and ask them to put me on the mailing list for their newsletters in Washington. I used to get Vander Jagt's and one or two others at the house, but I'd like to have them put me on the mailing list at the following address: George Bush, Chief, USLO, Peking, Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520.

I do find that I am cut off from domestic politics far too much, and though I am an instant diplomat and no longer a consummate politician, I don't want to be out of touch. Hence, the request. I have in mind guys like Dellenback, Biester, Rousselot, and some in the Senate. Fifteen or so would get the job done. I don't think there is any problem regarding postage. I'd like a philosophical cross section.

When are the Steigers going to come visit the Bushes? I really believe we can work it out on a very personal "house-guests" basis. It might mean you'd only get to see Peking and its surroundings, but one could spend months learning and looking here.

I hope this isn't an imposition. Suffice it to say, I miss my godson. I miss my own sons; I miss my daughter; I miss my godson's parents.

Steiger, then Mr

Hastily, but with warmest regards,

George Bush

P.S. By the time you get this, the elections will be over. For heaven's sakes, send us a quick report on that. I'm confident of your victory. The people are too smart to do otherwise.

November 28, 1974

Honorable William A. Steiger
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Bill:

Just a quickie so I can get this sent to you via Bar. Thanks for taking care of my request for Congressional newsletters. They will help a lot.

The Kissinger talks have been most interesting in spite of the gloom and doom you read in the newspapers. Our policy is not going badly.

I leave for Honolulu and an Ambassadors' conference December 4 -- tough duty. I'll be back well before my mother arrives on December 19.

Take care of Bar at Christmas. This is the first Christmas that we will be apart in 30 years, but it is right that she be with our children at Christmas. If she looks a little down, give her a little eggnog.

Love to all Steigers.

Sincerely,

George Bush

GBush:1z

*Mrs Bush mailed
in letters*

STEIGER, Rep. Wm. A.

WILLIAM A. STEIGER
6th District, Wisconsin

Room 1025
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

November 15, 1974

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

Dear George:

Thanks for your very nice letter. It was good to hear from you, and I am delighted that you both are doing so well. Barbara's letters are marvelous, and we shall faithfully save them.

I am asking the following members to include you on their mailing list:

John Rhodes	Bob Griffin
Pete Biester	Hugh Scott
John Rousselot	Howard Baker
John Buchanan	James Buckley
John Paul Hammerschmidt	John Tower
Jerry Pettis	
Tom Railsback	
Bill Frenzel	
Marv Esch	
Barber Conable	
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Alan Steelman	

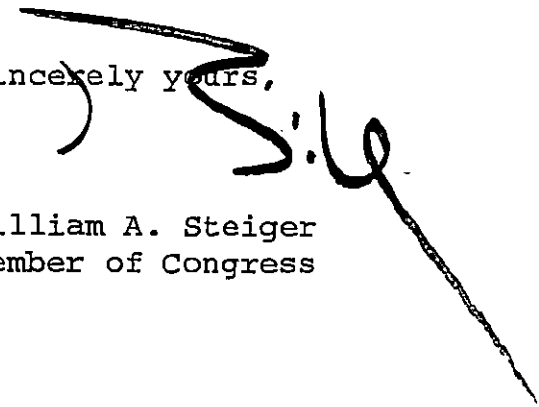
I will arrange to have all of them send to you at your State Department address whatever material they send out.

Ambassador George Bush
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What fun it would be if Janie and I could come to
Peking. We miss both of you very much.

Best regards,

Sincerely yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature, likely of William A. Steiger, is written over the "Sincerely yours," and extends down towards the typed name.

William A. Steiger
Member of Congress

WAS:ki

December 24, 1974

Honorable William Steiger
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Bill:

Thanks for sending along the clippings of the Whip's race. Pettis must not have waged a heroic battle, but he got a respectable number of votes. Your clippings and letters and newsletter all mean a lot to us out here.

Things are rocking along pretty good. I want to Honolulu for ten days for the EA Chiefs of Mission conference. I was impressed with our top military that I met and consulted with out there. I also was impressed with several of my EA Chiefs of Mission counterparts. Bill Sullivan down in the Philippines is first rate, as are some of the others. Jim Hodgson, incidentally, is doing a first-class job in Japan.

Mother is out here now and though I miss Bar, it's right that she be back there with the kids. Christmas spirit has reached Peking (not for the Chinese though). Last night at the Australians we all sang Christmas carols at the dinner table, and afterwards, too. We have Christmas trees lit outside our residence and beautiful growing Christmas tree inside, too.

I won't drone on, but I just wanted you to know that your thoughtfulness in sending the clippings and various tidbits is most appreciated. Someday I want to get your analysis of the big Rule 29 meeting.

Love to all the Steigers,

JERRY L. PETTIS
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JB

Dear Bill:

Why should Illinois have all the action--I'm in the race for Whip, too!

How many times have you been asked to vote on an amendment without knowing its precise contents, its financial implications, or the position of the leadership, the Administration or the Committee of jurisdiction? A system of instant reproduction of amendments, with appropriate background data, now exists and would be of great aid to each of us. This applies to amendments at the desk as well as those introduced during the heat of debate. It's time we introduced modern communication methods to the House, such as closed circuit television, with terminals in Members' offices and Committee hearing rooms.

There needs to be considerably greater communication between the Republican Members and the Leadership, especially now. The Minority Leader and the chairmen of the Policy Committee and Conference Committee may not be able to provide this kind of link--the Whip can, and he should be available to Members 24 hours a day with his office just off the House floor.

Finally, and this is something which I know has been of concern to many of us, when there are "high level" meetings between the President or senior Administration officials and the House Republican leaders, we should not have to depend upon the local newspapers or network television broadcasts for an account of what went on at the meeting. I believe that within one hour of such a meeting, a discreet summary of what was discussed can and should be provided to the Members.

These are some of the innovations which I propose and why I wish to be elected Republican Whip. I will be contacting you between now and the end of the month to get your ideas on what we Republicans can do to have greater impact on the legislation which will be facing us in the 94th Congress. I hope I can count on your support.

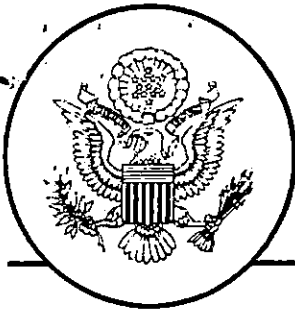
With best regards,

Cordially,

Jerry L. Pettis
Member of Congress

*P.S. - I know your "jam" -
all is forgiven. I'll do
all I can to then be a
fatalist about it, I guess.*

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JS

Dear Bill:

This is to announce my intention to be a candidate for the office of Chairman of the Republican Conference. The election will be held on December 2, at 12 noon in the Caucus Room.

I earnestly solicit, and need, your support.

We both know of the great potential of leadership positions to articulate the policies, programs and principles of our party. Our audience is the American public. They want responsibility in the management of their money; reasonable restraint in the extension of federal authority; and an adequate national defense establishment. Our party is pledged to these goals. The people must be reminded constantly that their interest will best be served by the election of Republicans to office.

I want to serve the cause of the Republican Party and welcome the opportunity to do so more effectively as Chairman of the Conference. I pledge to work with you in Washington and in your District as Conference Chairman to strengthen your incumbency and our party. I need your help.

I am not running to replace the present incumbent from the Republican Leadership. He will remain in a leadership position as Ranking Member of the Committee on Rules. I am seeking your support to expand that leadership and to make it a stronger, more effective voice on your behalf.

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Please give me your advice and counsel in this important undertaking.

Sincerely,


CHARLES E. WIGGINS
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WIGGINS TO BE CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE

Congressman Charles E. Wiggins (R-Fullerton, CA) today announced that he will be a candidate for the office of Chairman of the House Republican Conference. Republican Members of the House of Representatives will meet on December 2, 1974 to select their leadership for the 94th Congress.

Wiggins, who will be 47 on December 3, was recently elected to a fifth term in the House from the 39th District of California.

In announcing his candidacy Wiggins stated:

"My sole purpose in seeking this important position is to further the cause of my party in the development, the articulation, and, to the extent possible, the implementation of sound, responsible programs which serve the national interest.

"I am not running against anything or anyone. The present incumbent will remain in the Republican Leadership in any event as ranking Republican in the Rules Committee. I am seeking to expand that leadership and to strengthen it. There are no ideological overtones to be read into my candidacy. My legislative record would probably place me in the ideological center of the Republican Party. I have and will be supportive of all Republicans and will reflect their consensus views in leadership activities."

Wiggins also released a list of objectives he would strive for if elected:

1. To EXPAND the GOP leadership.
2. To STRENGTHEN the GOP voice nationally:
 - As a spokesman for party policy.
 - By working with Members in their districts.

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- By working with the Campaign Committee, the National Committee, and State Committees in non-incumbent districts.
- 3. To INVOLVE GOP Members in administrative decisions:
 - By encouraging better advance liaison on veto decisions.
 - By providing regular communication with Cabinet level officials.
- 4. To COORDINATE existing leadership functions:
 - The Policy Committee should be encouraged to consider advance legislative planning, as well as responses to specific legislative proposals.
 - The Research Committee should be encouraged to respond to these policy objectives, rather than to work independently of them.
 - The Research Committee and the minority committee staff personnel should be encouraged to work in tandem in the implementation of agreed policy objectives.
- 5. To PROVIDE a UNITED LEADERSHIP posture in support of the established policy positions of our party.

November 28, 1974

Donald E. Stokes, Dean
Woodrow Wilson School of Public
and International Affairs
Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Dear Mr. Stokes:

Thank you for your good letter of November 13. I wish I could reply more affirmatively, but I'm afraid I can't. I do not believe that it would be possible to get a visa to have an intern here at USLO for the summer. Those kinds of things are just not being done yet. We have a very small staff here in terms of other Embassies and we have a pressing space problem. These could be overcome if the visa problem could be solved, but our staff here advises me that other such attempts have just not worked out for the time being.

Mr. Blackburn is very high in his appraisal of Mr. Berg. Should the Chinese change their position on this type of visa request, I will certainly let you know.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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ROBERT S. STRAUSS

November 20, 1974

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no reply
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The Honorable George Bush
Chief, U.S. Liaison Office
Peking, Peoples Republic of China
c/o U.S. Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear George:

Election day has come and gone and now I am trying to get my affairs together for Kansas City. I suspect it will come off looking reasonably good, which is more than anyone expects.

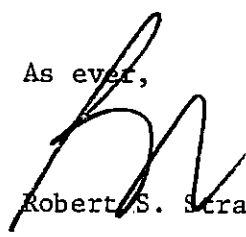
Your letter was a delight and deeply appreciated. As a matter of fact, it is a "keeper" and I shall retain it as one of your first documents to leave China, the first I have ever received from China, and the thoughtful expression of friendship which you know that I value more than I have ever been able to formerly express.

Rocky is having his troubles but I suspect will make it--your successor is reminding a lot of people of my predecessor although I find her to be an exceedingly nice person--Henry K. appears to me to be in for increasingly tough sledding and Ford appears to me to be doing better than the press fully realizes--my friends on Wall Street and in the corporate suites tell me things are considerably worse than anyone realizes and there is a general atmosphere of gloom and doom.

I know you will find it a fascinating experience to be so far removed from all you have ever known during the coming holidays and I assure you that Helen and I speak of you often and will be thinking of you then. She joins Vera and Bob Keefe in sending you our good wishes. I miss having you around very much. I am sure the same is true for many other people.

Hurry home!

As ever,


Robert S. Strauss

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Bill:

Mr. Bush thought you would be interested
in reading the attached.

Would you please return it for my files
after you are finished.

Thanks.

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

October 29, 1974

Mr. Walter Sterling Surrey
Counsel to National Council
U.S. China Trade
1156 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Mr. Surrey:

I'm not sure I ever thanked you for that thoughtful paper you put together for me on "Legal Problems in U.S.-China Trade".

I have now studied it and find it most informative.

We arrived in Peking last week and the fascination of China has already engulfed both Barbara and me.

A belated thanks from Peking for a most useful paper -- now read and studied.

Sincerely,

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George Bush

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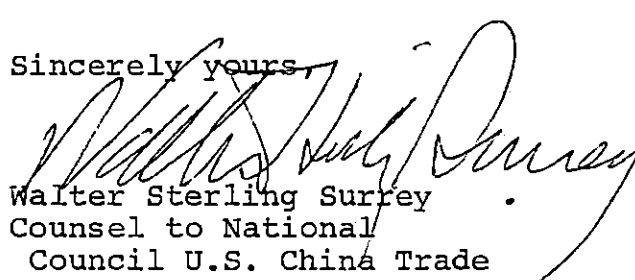
Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I regret indeed that a long standing commitment to attend a Board meeting prevents me from participating in the National Council briefing session with you.

For your convenience, I am enclosing a memorandum which highlights the legal problems I would have discussed as my part of the briefing session.

I trust and hope that one of these days my work will bring me to China and I will have a chance to meet with you.

Sincerely yours,


Walter Sterling Surrey
Counsel to National
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TO: The Honorable George Bush

FROM: Walter Sterling Surrey, Director and General
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RE: LEGAL PROBLEMS IN U.S.-CHINA TRADE

I

Introduction

The purpose of this memorandum is to highlight some of the more important problems of a legal nature which have been encountered to date in the trade between the United States and the People's Republic of China.

II

Claims

The Foreign Claims Settlement Commission has certified under the Chinese Claims Act of 1966 the sum of \$196,861,835 in private claims for property seized in China since October 1, 1949. Interest on these claims

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is accruing at a rate of 6% per year. In addition to the claims processed by the Commission, an unknown amount of claims have arisen since 1966. Absent a claims settlement, these claims, certified and uncertified, could form the basis for the attachment of any commercial or "private" property of the People's Republic of China situated in the United States./* Accordingly, until there is a claims settlement, direct banking relationships, trade exhibitions and sea and air links between the United States and China are difficult, if not impossible.

There are also approximately \$80 million worth of Chinese assets frozen within the United States. Some \$13 million of these assets are subject to prior private liens. The majority of these assets are held by U.S. banks and are treated as part of their general reserves. However, no interest has been credited to any of these accounts.

We understand that an agreement in principle was reached between the United States and the People's Republic of China in February 1973 concerning a claims settlement. However, "technical difficulties" requiring additional agreements have delayed a final claims settlement for well over a year. Until the claims question is resolved, trade patterns between the United States and the People's Republic of China will remain somewhat distorted since ways will continue to be devised to prevent the creation of Chinese assets (which are subject to attachment) within the United States.

/* Government property such as the Liaison Office building is protected from attachment by the doctrine of restricted sovereign immunity. Certain property of cultural value is also protected, by law, from attachment.

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III

Eximbank Credits

Although the Chinese have not expressed interest in obtaining credits from the Export-Import Bank or, for that matter, from other U.S. sources, they have accepted credit from the Export-Import Bank of Japan. Legal obstacles to the extension of U.S. Eximbank credit to the PRC are the unpaid loans aggregating in excess of \$20 million, plus interest, which were extended to the government of the Chiang Kai-shek regime prior to 1947. The assets purchased with the proceeds of these loans have remained in and have been utilized by the People's Republic of China.

The amendments to the Export-Import Bank Act which have been passed, in differing forms, by both houses of Congress, retain the requirement that the President make, and report to Congress, a determination that Eximbank loans to a given "Communist" country are in the national interest. To date, no such determination has been made with respect to China.

A second piece of pending legislation which affects trade with the People's Republic of China is the Trade Bill. Title IV of the Trade Bill, which has been passed by the House, contains what has become known as the Jackson-Vanik Amendment. This Amendment precludes most-favored-nation tariff treatment for "nonmarket economy countries" which improperly limit the right of their citizens to emigrate. Presumably China would be deemed such a country under the Amendment. However, present negotiations between the Administration and the Soviet Union and between the Administration and Congressional leaders may result in a change in the wording of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment which would permit the extension of most-favored-nation tariff treatment to a number of countries with "nonmarket" economies, including the People's Republic of China.

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IV

Industrial Property Rights

Patents. The PRC has no patent law as such, and all inventions and technology are considered to be the property of the state. However, in 1963 a system was established whereby an official certificate and a cash award would be presented to inventors. Nevertheless, the Chinese neither recognize foreign patent rights as such, nor provide any regularized procedure for their protection. However, their position on this issue is that they are willing to provide protection for foreign inventions by contract. For example, the Chinese have agreed that they will limit their use of technology to the single installation for which it has been made available. A number of U.S. companies have expressed concern about the lack of established patent procedures as well as the refusal of the Chinese to adhere to multilateral conventions concerning patent rights.

Copyrights. China lacks internal copyright legislation and it has not agreed to adhere to any of the multilateral copyright conventions. The lack of copyright protection has not been of serious concern to U.S. companies since the Chinese voluntarily refrain from commercially exploiting copied foreign works.

Trademarks. A procedure is available for the registration of foreign trademarks in China. However, the Chinese require a bilateral agreement between themselves and the country of the potential registrant before they will permit such trademark registration. The United Kingdom, Sweden, Switzerland, Denmark, Finland and Italy are among the countries which have concluded such bilateral agreements.

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Although no bilateral agreement has been reached between the PRC and the U.S., and, accordingly, U.S. trademarks are not registerable in China, there is no reason why a Chinese trademark cannot be registered in the United States. Moreover, the Chinese could agree in an individual case to protect a U.S. trademark by contract, although enforcement of such protection in third countries could prove difficult. Thus far most U.S. exports have not involved trademark protection questions.

V

Contract Language

Standard Form Contracts. Whenever possible, the Chinese attempt to conclude contracts by the use of a number of standard forms. Although each of the eight Chinese foreign trade corporations utilize a number of differing forms, these forms have considerable similarity. Invariably, the contracts indicate that "final" inspection will take place in China, despite the fact that the commodity which is the subject of the contract is being exported and is breakable or perishable. When China buys, a precise shipping date is required and a penalty attaches for failure to meet this date. When China sells, contracts call for shipment at any time during a three-month period. When China is the seller, contract terms dealing with payment stress that the buyer is promptly to open an irrevocable confirmed letter of credit, and little is said concerning the documentation to be presented by the Chinese in order to obtain payment. On the other hand, when China buys, contracts state, in full detail, documents to be presented prior to payment. In addition, when China buys, it is often stipulated that the letter of credit is to be opened with a branch of the Bank of China. Therefore, it is possible for a seller to be awaiting his shipment without his documents for a period of time. Finally, the Chinese generally refuse to have their letters of credit confirmed with a bank in the seller's country.

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Force Majeure Clauses. Force majeure clauses generally appear in contracts with the Chinese. However, such clauses are silent or vague as to what acts constitute a force majeure. Such questions as the inclusion of strikes, "acts of God" and acts of government under a force majeure clause have raised considerable difficulties.

VI

Arbitration

A system for the arbitration of disputes arising from contracts with foreign firms has existed in China since 1954 with the establishment of the Foreign Trade Arbitration Commission of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade ("CCPIT"). In addition, a Maritime Arbitration Commission was established under the CCPIT in 1958. The rules of these Commissions are similar and require arbitration in China before Chinese arbitrators. The initial Chinese negotiating position is to insist upon an arbitration clause calling for arbitration before one of the CCPIT arbitration commissions. However, the Chinese have agreed to arbitration in third countries, before non-Chinese arbitrators, under third country arbitration rules. American companies have expressed dissatisfaction with the possibility of arbitration in China, before Chinese arbitrators and under Chinese rules. The Chinese have expressed similar apprehension about American based and administered arbitration.

There is also the question of the enforcement of an arbitration award in the United States and in China. U.S. companies seeking to enforce an award in China would have to turn to the People's Court. Very little is known about what success, if any, a foreign plaintiff would have in such a situation. It should be noted that the Chinese have become renowned for scrupulously adhering to their obligations, and, therefore, litigation by a U.S. company

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to enforce an arbitration award should not be necessary. The question of Chinese enforcement of an arbitration award in a U.S. court is complicated by the fact that the United States government does not recognize the government of the People's Republic of China. The situation is further complicated by the fact that the PRC is not a signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards. Although the answer to these questions is not clear, United States courts are traditionally liberal in enforcing awards by foreign arbitral tribunals. Moreover, the recent decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Scherk v. Alberto-Culver Co., indicates the Supreme Court's commitment to making international arbitration work.

An additional problem in the settlement of disputes between American companies and the PRC is the fact that the Chinese virtually never resort to arbitration, preferring instead continuing negotiation and conciliation. Such an approach is extremely time consuming. Furthermore, the Chinese often resolve disputes by giving the complaining party preferred treatment in an unrelated pending transaction rather than by settling the basic cause of disagreement.

VII

Federal and State Regulations

The multitude of federal and state regulations which apply to the import of goods into the United States from any foreign source have been a cause of concern and confusion to the Chinese. Their initial belief was that these laws were directed specifically at China. Knowledgeable Chinese commercial officials no longer hold this view. However, they remain unfamiliar with the precise requirements of the regulations administered

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by such agencies as the Food and Drug Administration, the Department of Agriculture, the Tariff Commission, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms of the Department of Treasury.

VIII

Role of the National Council

When the executive committee of the National Council was in China during November 1973, Eugene Theroux of the Council staff and I conducted private discussions with legal experts of the CCPIT on the above and related legal issues. These discussions were beneficial in that they enabled both sides to explore and highlight legal difficulties encountered in the U.S.-China trade. As a follow-up to these discussions, the National Council, and the American Society of International Law ("ASIL"), with funding from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, has created a Panel of the ASIL on the legal aspects of U.S.-China trade. I am privileged to be the chairman of the Panel, which includes political and economic, as well as legal, experts on China trade from the academic community, government and the private sector. The Panel is preparing material for discussion with representatives of the legal section of CCPIT when the CCPIT visits the United States at the invitation of the National Council.

The following topics will be discussed: commercial and maritime arbitration; patents, trademarks and copyrights; insurance and reinsurance; standard import and export contracts; so-called "turnkey" contracts for complete plants; force majeure clauses; licensing and technology exchanges; status of nationals and offices; and applicable U.S. federal and state regulations. Some material has already been sent to the legal section of the CCPIT and additional items will be sent shortly.