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June 17, 1975

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Oscar Armstrong, Esq.,  
EA/PRCM,  
Department of State,  
Washington, D.C. 20520.

Dear Oscar:

Thanks for sending the copy of Paul W. Speltz's letter to Secretary Kissinger, and your reply of April 29th, which arrived here today.

In the event there is more correspondence from Mr. Speltz I suggest you talk to Herb Horowitz in INR about him. Herb can clue you in very well.

Sincerely,

George Bush



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

April 29, 1975

Mr. Paul W. Speltz, President  
IDC Marketing, Inc.  
2 West 59 Street  
The Plaza Hotel  
New York, New York 10019

Dear Mr. Speltz:

The Secretary has asked me to reply to your letter of March 17, concerning your experiences in trading with the People's Republic of China (PRC)--including those on your recent trip.

First of all, we appreciate your taking the time to commend the work being done by Mr. George Bush and his staff. We are pleased that you took the time to mention this to us, and will see that a copy of your letter is placed in the appropriate personnel records.

You mentioned two substantive points that the Chinese have raised during your conversations. Concerning the extension of MFN tariff treatment to our imports of Chinese products, the U.S. Government had no authority to take this step with the PRC, and other communist countries that do not now have MFN status, until the passage of the Trade Act of 1974. Although the Chinese have from time-to-time indicated to American businessmen and others a general interest in MFN, we are not aware that they desire to start early negotiations on the subject. Moreover, the Trade Act as passed by Congress places a number of conditions on MFN extension, some of which could present problems in the PRC case. However, I can assure you that we will be prepared to explore the matter with the PRC at the appropriate time.

There is little I can usefully say on the complex and difficult Taiwan issue. As long as it is unresolved, the PRC will probably not be fully satisfied with the form of our relationship--with emphasis on the word "form." Basically, however, the US-PRC relationship remains sound. We believe that the Chinese wish to

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maintain the relationship, and certainly the U.S. remains committed to further normalization of relations on the basis of the Shanghai Communique.

Again, thank you for providing us with your views.

Sincerely,

Oscar V. Armstrong  
Director for  
People's Republic of China  
and Mongolia Affairs

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March 17, 1975

The Honorable Henry Kissinger  
Secretary of State  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I would like to take this opportunity from Peking to bring to your attention several important points.

First, you should know what a fine job your Liaison Office in Peking is doing. I personally have spent thirty-four weeks in China in the last two years during which time I have had considerable exposure to the members of the Commercial/Economic staff. I understand that Mr. Herbert E. Horowitz and several key members of his staff will be leaving Peking within the next few months. You should know that Mr. Horowitz and his staff have continuously gone out of their way to extend every courtesy--both personal and commercial--to us, our clients (large and small companies) and, from what I understand, to all other Americans they come in contact with. I cannot adequately express my appreciation directly to them, therefore, I would only have you know what a superb job they have been doing and I hope that this service is reflected in their growth and responsibility with the State Department.

On this current trip to Peking, I had the honor to meet with Mr. George Bush and his wife Barbara on several occasions. Mr. Bush's willingness to meet and speak with the Americans who come to Peking, his sincere questions with regard to trying to understand our commercial negotiations and/or problems and his willingness to have his staff assist us in any way is indicative of the type of person who is really needed in this role. Although he has only been in Peking a short time, I personally feel that he will prove an asset to the important role of continuing to build relations between China and the United States. I am sure that the Chinese appreciate his sincerity and I hope that he will have the opportunity to represent the United States in an expanded fashion during his stay in Peking.

With regard to the impending trip by the President and yourself to Peking, many high level officials of the Foreign Trading Corporations with whom we are dealing continued to bring up two points during this current five week stay. In summary, they are

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passing along the message that they (the PRC) are looking forward to the visit of the President with enthusiasm but hope that serious discussions and/or resolutions will be made concerning:

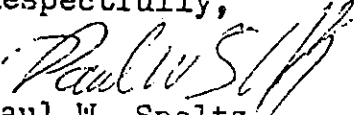
- a) Trade between the PRC and the US--they continue to be specifically concerned about the lack of MFN and its implication in limiting exports from China to the United States while China continues to negotiate for sizeable purchases from the United States. During this last trip, we noticed a change towards a favorable and aggressive attitude on the part of the Chinese trying to deal with American businessmen. They have even gone so far as to lower prices for certain commodities to be exported to the American market to compensate for our high duty structure.
- b) The Taiwan issue--time and time again, they repeated the statement that the Shanghai Communique "must be lived up to". They were not saying this last year.

I mention these facts because although they are enthusiastic about the visit, I believe that they definitely want to move toward a resolution of these two issues during the President's trip.

Although I am sure that you are kept aware of many of these points, I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that I would consider it an honor to at any time, provide advice or guidance with regard to the People's Republic of China to you and the President if you feel it would be of help.

My last comment is a personal one to you. I am aware that you have been under a great deal of pressure and have heard numerous opinions about your performance as Secretary of State. I personally feel that you have done a magnificent job of representing the United States and our interests abroad, both under former President Nixon and in the State Department. I can assure you that everywhere I have gone in China the Chinese people have the highest regard for you. You are definitely a very significant factor in our continuing growth of relations with the People's Republic of China and I hope that your stay in the State Department will be a long one.

Respectfully,

  
Paul W. Speltz

cc: The President

President

IDC MARKETING INC.  
2 West 59 Street  
The Plaza Hotel  
New York, N.Y. 10019

September 26, 1975

The Hon. Philip C. Habib,  
Assistant Secretary for East Asian  
and Pacific Affairs,  
Department of State,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Phil:

OK, now you'll have to believe it. You and that  
guy on the 7th Floor think I am a publicity hound.

Please let the record show that I got out of town  
after two weeks with a) no press, b) relatively little  
bitching - for me anyway, and c) only this clipping  
from a Dallas paper (not even syndicated) to show the  
police I'm still alive. "Avoided reporters" no less -  
it killed me.

Oh yes, thanks for all the time and for all the  
cooperation given to me by all at EA. I am really  
grateful. Learned a lot, I enjoyed the visit back  
there, and everyone in your shop (aides, secretaries,  
big deals - all of 'em) were just great. Same for  
Oscar's shop.

See you here, I hope, or in Hawaii, I hope.

All's well. The staff is doing great. We have  
a good team in place and we are ready to withstand  
the invasions that are coming our way. More on that  
later.

Many, many thanks to EA for making those consul-  
tations informative and helpful.

I was pleased to see you looking well, but don't  
kill yourself.

Warmest regards,

George Bush

March 12, 1975

Mr. Oscar V. Armstrong  
Director  
People's Republic of China & Mongolia Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Oscar:

Last night we had a reception for the Chinese Solid  
Physics Investigation Group that is going to the U.S.

Dillon Ripley attended. During the course of the evening  
he talked to Mr. Wang Shou-wu, the delegation head and  
Mr. Feng Yin-fu, a Cal Tech graduate and delegation member.

Dr. Ripley determined that the delegation will have two  
free days while they are in Washington and he told Messrs.  
Wang and Feng that he would be delighted to have them as  
his guests in a visit to the Smithsonian.

Will you please have someone convey this information to  
those in charge of the delegation's schedule; making the  
request that the scheduler notify Dr. Ripley when the  
delegation arrives. He would like to follow up on this,  
and needless to say, it would be a real treat for our Chinese  
friends.

Many thanks.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

cc: Dr. S. Dillon Reipley

TO: Oscar Armstrong, Esq.,  
EA/PRCM, Department of State.

Big favor! When I came to the Department for consultation my phone will be ringing off the hook; at least, it was last time.

Alice Campbell, a roving secretary there at EA, was so darn nice to me on my last trip and seemed unflustered by all the activity, that I am wondering if she would be willing to help me out again. Would you mind checking on this when you get back?

I don't need anything specific, but I would like to have somebody who is not annoyed by people coming in and out, lots of phone messages, and occasionally having to stay past 5 o'clock.

Alice is neat.

George Bush

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MEMO

February 24, 1975

TO: Mr. Ren

FROM: Herbert E. Horowitz

SUBJECT: Visits to Tientsin Carpet Fair by Mr. Bush and USLO Offices

Please pass to the China National Native Produce and Animal By-Products Import and Export Corporation the following message:

U.S.L.O. understands that the Native Produce Corporation will hold a carpet fair in Tientsin during the period of February 25 to March 5, 1975 and that some American businessmen have been invited to attend. During this period the Chief of USLO and members of the USLO staff will be visiting Tientsin and we would appreciate it if they could have opportunities to look in briefly on the Fair.

On Wednesday February 26, Mr. Bush, accompanied by his wife, and by Mr. R.R. Blackburn and Miss Jennifer Fitzgerald, will pay a one day visit to Tientsin. During their trip they hope to have an opportunity to pay a short visit to the carpet fair, in order to see the carpets on display and to observe the fair in operation. Mr. Bush has requested that a China Travel Service guide meet him on his arrival in Tientsin and he will transmit his request to visit the carpet fair to his guide.

On Friday, February 28, Mr. William Rope, one of our Commercial/Economic officers, will visit Tientsin, and on Monday March 3, Mr. Herbert Horowitz, Chief of our Commercial/Economic Section, will also visit the city. Both Mr. Horowitz and Mr. Rope would like to visit the Carpet Fair in their capacity as Commercial Officers, and if possible they would like to pay brief courtesy calls on appropriate officials of the Native Produce Corporation while visiting the Fair. Mr. Horowitz and Mr. Rope will also transmit these requests through the China Travel Service on their arrival in Tientsin.

CC: Mr. Bush



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

February 14, 1975

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The Honorable  
George Bush  
Chief  
United States Liaison Office  
Peking

Dear George:

I failed to mention while you were here that after receiving your December 31 letter about how long it took for your effects to reach Peking, I asked EA/EX to look into the matter.

The result was the enclosed memo. You'll be pleased to know that corrective action has been taken which hopefully will prevent unnecessary delays in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Oscar".

Oscar V. Armstrong  
Director for People's Republic  
of China and Mongolia Affairs

Enclosure:

Memorandum dated  
1/17/75

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : EA/PRGM - Mr. Oscar V. Armstrong

DATE: January 17, 1975

FROM : EA/EX - Donald A. Wetherbee *DW*

SUBJECT: Shipment of Ambassador Bush's Household Effects

I have discussed Ambassador Bush's letter of December 31 (attached) with the Chief of the Transportation Section of OPR/ST. He has supplied the following information on dates connected with the shipment:

- 9/27 - Pickup at Bush home in Washington by Merchants Transfer & Storage
- 9/30 - Merchants request for instructions received by Dept
- 10/4 - Dept's shipping instructions sent to Merchants
- 10/11 - USDA Baltimore received packing list
- 10/25 - Shipment booked for 11/9 sailing of ss American Lancer
- 10/31 - Liftvan delivered to Baltimore
- 11/9 - American Lancer sailing delayed until 11/14
- 12/25 - Effects transshipped Yokohama to Sunyo Maru with ETA Hsinkingiang of 1/2/75

OPR/ST agrees that speedier action should have been possible on the Bush shipment. Obviously the impression should not have been given that the effects would be in Peking in six weeks - that much time is required on shipboard alone sailing Baltimore/Yokohama/Hsinkingiang.

The first week of delay after pickup was due to the fact that Merchants could not be instructed to make shipment until Mr. Bush's travel orders had been issued (a process dependent upon all the clearances involved with Mr. Bush's reappointment to the Foreign Service). In addition, the delays between dates in the above listing are all one or more days longer than normal adding up to a total holdup of several weeks over the usual U.S. pickup time and overseas delivery date.

OPR is instructing the USDA Baltimore to expedite the administrative arrangements of shipments bound for Peking so that a series of delays such as occurred on the Bush effects will not happen again. The several employees currently preparing for PEO assignments are being advised that their effects



EA/EX:DAWetherbee

*From the desk of*

GEORGE BUSH

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*JH*

Bob Blackburn

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Mo Morin

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March 6, 1975

Mr. Oscar V. Armstrong  
Director  
People's Republic of China & Mongolia Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Oscar:

The attached Butz letter is for your file on the subject.

By now you have received an update on this subject from  
John Holdridge.

I am more receptive than anyone else here to this idea.  
The personality thing bothers me. More later. Please  
brief Harry on all this.

Hastily.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

May 27, 1975

Donald A. Wetherbee,  
Post Management Officer,  
Bureau of East Asian & Pacific Affairs,  
Department of State,  
Washington, D.C. 20520.

Dear Don:

Thanks so much for handling the cable message regarding young William Steiger.

I can't ever thank you enough for the many courtesies you show to the Bushes, but I am indeed grateful.

Sincerely,

George Bush  
Chief, US Liaison Office

May 14, 1975

Mrs. Evelyn McCabe  
Director of Admissions  
Beauvoir National Cathedral  
Elementary School  
3500 Woodley Road N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear Mrs. McCabe:

This will confirm my telephone call to your office this morning in which I quoted the following message received from Ambassador George Bush, Chief of the United States Liaison Office, Peking, Peoples' Republic of China:

"I would strongly like to recommend William Steiger for admission to Beauvoir School. He is an extremely bright boy and the school would be greatly benefited by his admission."

If there should be any reason for you to communicate with Ambassador Bush, his mailing address is as follows:

Ambassador George Bush  
Peking  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Sincerely,

Donald A. Wetherbee  
Post Management Officer  
Bureau of East Asian and  
Pacific Affairs

Blind copies: USLO Peking for Mr. Bush

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

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May 28, 1975

Oscar Armstrong, Esq.,  
Director, EA/PRCM,  
Department of State,  
Washington, D.C. 20520.

Dear Oscar:

Thanks for sending me PEOPLE. Frankly I didn't think the story was too bad. Hope it didn't cause any heartburn on the Seventh Floor.

As you well know we are having a massive turnover this week. I seem to be spending most of my time either at the airport or at the railroad station.

Thanks for your thoughtfulness.

Warm regards,

George Bush



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

May 9

Dear George -

You'll probably be getting other  
copies, but just to make sure,  
here's one -- courtesy of Stan  
Brooks.

It's a nice story.

Sincerely,

Paul