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October 6, 1975

TO: The Secretary

FROM: EA - Philip C. Habib  
S/P - Winston Lord  
NSC - Richard H. Solomon

Our Meeting in Preparation for the Peking Trip

You will be meeting with us tomorrow on preparations for the Peking trip. As a basis for this meeting and for preparing briefing material and talking papers, we have reviewed the outcome of your September 28 working dinner with PRC Foreign Minister Ch'iao Kuan-hua. (A full memorandum of the conversation is enclosed.) This memorandum gives our evaluation of your preparatory session with the Foreign Minister and suggests ways of structuring your approach to Chinese leaders later this month.

For the meeting tomorrow we will also have our first very rough cut at the Communique for the President's visit. After we have your guidance we will proceed with the Scope Paper and a memorandum from you to the President. Other briefing materials on bilateral issues and third country matters are well along; the bulk should be ready by the end of this week. We will also have along the usual assortment of past memcons and background material.

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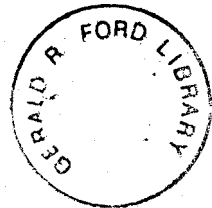
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(TEXT) PEKING, OCTOBER 6, 1975 (HSINHUA)--

ANNOUNCEMENT

IT HAS BEEN AGREED UPON THROUGH CONSULTATIONS THAT DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER, UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE AND ASSISTANT TO THE U.S. PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, WILL VISIT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA FROM OCTOBER 19 THROUGH OCTOBER 23, 1975.

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FOR : BRENT SCOWCROFT  
FROM: GEORGE BUSH

MANY THANKS FOR THAT FULL REPORT ON THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH PRC FOREIGN MINISTER. WE MAY HAVE A SUGGESTION OR TWO WHICH WE WILL PASS ALONG THROUGH CHEROKEE CHANNEL. ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, I JUST HAD LUNCH WITH LAZAR MOSJOV OF YUGOSLAVIA THE NUMBER 2 MAN IN THEIR MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE BELIEVES CHOU EN LAI HAS UNDERGONE A SERIOUS OPERATION. THE CHINESE DID NOT CONFIRM THIS BUT THEY DID SAY HE WAS IN THE HOSPITAL REQUIRING SERIOUS MEDICAL ATTENTION. YESTERDAY TOLSTIKOV OF USSR TOLD ME THAT CHOU HAD BEEN OPERATED ON.  
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GEORGE BUSH, PEKING  
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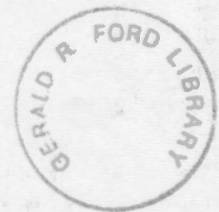
SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO PEKING

1. EA ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB CALLED IN PRALO COUNSELOR CH'UEN TA-YUNG OCTOBER 7 AND AFTER ORALLY REVIEWING THE MAIN POINTS, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM:

QUOTE - "1. THE SECRETARY WOULD LIKE TO BRING A TOTAL PARTY OF APPROXIMATELY SIXTY-FIVE. ATTACHED IS A TENTATIVE LIST SHOWING THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PARTY WHO WILL ARRIVE ABOARD THE SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT AND THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PARTY WHO WILL BE ARRIVING SEPARATELY. WE WILL PROVIDE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A COMPLETE PROTOCOL LIST BY NAME, AN AIRCRAFT CREW LIST AND A LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE PRESS ACCOMPANYING THE SECRETARY. ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARTY WILL HAVE CHINESE VISAS. WE ASSUME PASSPORTS AND ENTRY FORMALITIES WILL BE HANDLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS ON PREVIOUS VISITS.

2. THE PARTY WILL TRAVEL IN A PRESIDENTIAL BOEING 707 AIRCRAFT (AIRCRAFT TAIL NUMBER 80070, CALL SIGN SAM 80070) WHICH HAS BEEN USED ON PREVIOUS TRIPS TO THE PRC.

THE AIRCRAFT WILL DEPART TOKYO AT 1230 HOURS LOCAL, OCTOBER 10, AND ENTER CHINESE AIR SPACE TWO HOURS AFTER TAKEOFF FOLLOWING COORDINATES ATOTI, 31-30 NORTH, 123-30 EAST, SHENSHAN, HENGSHA, LUNG HWA, SHANGHAI AND THEN TO PEKING CAPITOL AIRPORT. WE ANTICIPATE ARRIVING IN PEKING AT 1000 HOURS LOCAL.



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THE AIRCRAFT WILL CONTACT SHANGHAI RADIO PRIOR TO ATOTI. THE AIRCRAFT WILL USE THE FOLLOWING FREQUENCIES: PRIMARY: 2987 KILOCYCLES A.M., 8938.5 KILOCYCLES A.M., AND 13324.5 KILOCYCLES A.M.; SECONDARY: 5871.5 KILOCYCLES A.M.

3. FUEL AND OTHER AIRCRAFT SERVICES NEEDED WILL BE THE SAME AS PROVIDED BY THE PRC DURING EARLIER VISITS. IT IS REQUESTED THAT AN EXTERNAL POWER SOURCE (115 VOLTS, 400 CYCLES, THREE PHASE ALTERNATING CURRENT OF 40 KVA) BE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY THE AIRCRAFT. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF A GROUND HEATING UNIT COULD BE PROVIDED FOR THE AIRCRAFT WATCH STANDERS.

IT IS NOT, HOWEVER, PLANNED TO USE THE AIRCRAFT FOR COMMUNICATIONS WITH WASHINGTON FROM THE GROUND UNLESS PROBLEMS DEVELOP WITH LIAISON OFFICE FACILITIES. IF THERE SHOULD BE A NEED TO USE AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATIONS ON THE GROUND, WE WOULD WISH TO USE THE SAME FREQUENCIES UTILIZED IN THE PAST.

4. IF CONVENIENT, THE SECRETARY WISHES TO RESIDE IN A CHINESE GUEST HOUSE AS ON PAST VISITS. HE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE LODGING FOR MEMBERS OF HIS OFFICIAL PARTY AND STAFF NEARBY.

5. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THREE ROOMS NEAR THE SECRETARY'S SUITE COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR USE AS OFFICES.

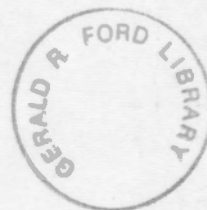
IT IS REQUESTED THAT THESE OFFICES HAVE THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS:

PRIORITY OVERRIDE SERVICE AT ALL TIMES FOR OVERSEAS TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS VIA INTERNATIONAL MESSAGE CIRCUITS BETWEEN PEKING AND THE UNITED STATES FOR THE DURATION OF THE VISIT.

A TELEPHONE LINK TO THE U.S. LIAISON OFFICE.

A TELEPHONE LINK TO THE SITE WHERE THE PRESS MEMBERS WILL BE LODGED.

6. THE PARTY WOULD PREFER TO USE CHINESE TRANSPORTATION



DURING THE VISIT AND WOULD HOPE THAT TRANSPORTATION WOULD ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR MESSENGERS BETWEEN THE LIAISON OFFICE AND THE SECRETARY'S LODGINGS.

7. IF CONVENIENT, MR. FUNSETH, WHO WILL ACT AS PRESS SECRETARY, WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING OFFICE SPACE IN THE AREA WHERE THE PRESS RESIDE.

8. IF THE CHINESE OFFER A BANQUET FOR THE SECRETARY, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE THE U.S. PRESS ACCOMPANYING THE SECRETARY ATTEND. THE SECRETARY HOPES IT WILL BE APPROPRIATE TO GIVE A RETURN BANQUET FOR THE CHINESE. HE WOULD LIKE AMBASSADOR BUSH TO WORK OUT THE ARRANGEMENTS AND GUEST LIST WITH THE CHINESE." - UNQUOTE.

2. ATTACHMENT READS AS FOLLOWS: OFFICIAL PARTY (APPROXIMATELY 12 IN PROTOCOL ORDER) - WILL TRAVEL ABOARD SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT.

THE SECRETARY  
MRS. KISSINGER  
JAMES T. LYNN, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (TENTATIVE)  
PHILIP C. HABIB, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EAST ASIAN AFFAIRS  
WINSTON LORD, DIRECTOR, POLICY PLANNING STAFF  
ROBERT L. FUNSETH, PRESS SECRETARY  
WILLIAM BLEYSTEN, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EAST ASIAN AFFAIRS  
OSCAR ARMSTRONG, DIRECTOR, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND MONGOLIAN AFFAIRS  
RICHARD H. SOLOMON, MEMBER, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
ROBERT D. OAKLEY, MEMBER, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
ROBERT C. MCFARLANE, MEMBER, SECRETARY KISSINGER'S WHITE HOUSE STAFF  
PETER W. RODMAN, MEMBER, SECRETARY KISSINGER'S WHITE HOUSE STAFF

SUPPORT STAFF (37) - APPROXIMATELY 16 SUPPORT STAFF WILL TRAVEL ABOARD THE SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT.

APPROXIMATELY 21 SUPPORT STAFF WILL TRAVEL TO PEKING VIA COMMERCIAL MEANS.

PRESS (15) - APPROXIMATELY 15 MEMBERS OF THE PRESS WILL TRAVEL ABOARD THE SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT.



AIRCRAFT CREW: 21.

3. CH'EN ESSENTIALLY HAD NO QUESTIONS, EXCEPT TO CONFIRM THAT THE LISTING OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY IS IN PROTOCOL ORDER AND TO REQUEST THAT WE PROVIDE THE NECESSARY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HABIB TOLD HIM THAT WE WOULD BE SENDING THE SAME INFORMATION TO USLO FOR ITS USE WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. KISSINGER  
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SUBJECT: CHOU EN-LAI'S HEALTH  
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1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR TITSTIKOV TOLD ME OCTOBER 6 THAT CHOU EN-LAI WAS OPERATED ON SOMETIME BETWEEN SEPT 20 AND SEPT 23. TOLSTIKOV APPEARED TOTALLY CONFIDENT OF HIS INFORMATION BUT HE COULD NOT, OR WOULD NOT, ADD ANYTHING ABOUT THE NATURE OR OUTCOME OF THE OPERATION.
2. YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTRY NUMBER TWO LAZAR MOSJOV-- VISITING THE PRC AS PART OF BIJEDIC'S ENTOURAGE--TOLD ME THE NEXT DAY THAT HE BELIEVED CHOU HAD HAD A VERY SERIOUS OPERATION AND THAT HIS CONDITION WAS FATAL. WHEN I PRESSED HIM ON THIS, HE ADMITTED THAT THE CHINESE HAD NOT TOLD HIM THIS ALTHOUGH THEY HAD SAID CHOU WAS IN THE HOSPITAL AND REQUIRED SERIOUS MEDICAL ATTENTION.
3. LOCAL PRESS SOURCES TELL US JAPANESE CORRESPONDENT'S STORY (PERHAPS THE SOURCE OF THE BELGRADE REPORT CITED REFTEL) THAT BIJEDIC HAD MET WITH CHOU WAS ERRONEOUS. AS OF MID-AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 8, BIJEDIC HAD NOT SEEN EITHER CHOU OR MAO ALTHOUGH THE YUGOSLAVS ARE CONFIDENT THAT A MEETING WITH MAO WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE BIJEDIC LEAVES CHINA.



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(BY RENE FLIPO)

(TEXT) PEKING, OCT 9 (AFP)--DEPUTY PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE HEALTH OF PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI DETERIORATED RECENTLY.

MR CHOU, 77, HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED FOR MORE THAN 18 MONTHS FOR AN AS YET UNDISCLOSED AILMENT. DEPUTY PREMIER TENG TOLD A VISITING FOREIGN DIGNITARY A FEW DAYS AGO THAT MR CHOU WAS "NOT IN GOOD CONDITION" AND COULD NO LONGER RECEIVE VISITORS, A DIPLOMAT DISCLOSED HERE TODAY.

OBSERVERS HAD NOTED THAT MR CHOU BROKE WITH CUSTOM AND PROTOCOL BY FAILING TO MEET FORMER BRITISH PRIME MINISTER EDWARD HEATH AND NORTH VIETNAMESE PARTY LEADER LE DUAN WHEN THEY CAME THROUGH PEKING LAST MONTH. BOTH VISITORS MET CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG.

NOR DID MR CHOU HAVE A MEETING THIS WEEK WITH YUGOSLAV PREMIER DZEMAL BIJEDIC, WHO IS VISITING CHINA AT PRESENT AT HIS INVITATION. MR BIJEDIC WAS LEAVING THE CAPITAL LATER TODAY FOR A SHORT PROVINCIAL TOUR.

CHINESE OFFICIALS TOLD FOREIGN RESIDENTS OF PEKING LAST WEEK THAT MR CHOU WAS UNDER "MEDICAL TREATMENT". IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THE CHINESE HAD ADMITTED THAT THE PREMIER WAS IN THE HOSPITAL FOR REASONS OTHER THAN "FATIGUE" RESULTING FROM HIS ADVANCED AGE.

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1. WE BELIEVE CHINESE WILL JUDGE IT IN THEIR INTEREST TO PERMIT THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO PRODUCE SOME OTHER VISIBLE MARKERS OF PROGRESS IN

SINO-US RELATIONS IF THERE IS NO PROGRESS REGARDING TAIWAN. WE IDENTIFY BELOW SOME POSSIBILITIES, KNOWING -- WITHOUT BEING PRIVY TO DEPARTMENT'S PREPARATIONS -- THAT MOST MAY ALREADY BE AMONG THOSE DEVELOPED FOR THE TALKS, OR DISCARDED.

2. FAMILY REUNIFICATION: PEKING 1912 REFLECTS OUR CONCERN ABOUT ATTEMPTING TO PROVIDE MORE TRAVEL ASSISTANCE TO AMERICANS AND THEIR RELATIVES WITHOUT FIRST TRYING FOR AN UMBRELLA UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CHINESE. WE BELIEVE THAT BOTH WE AND THE CHINESE WOULD FIND ADVANTAGES (INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO MFN AND USSR) IN SUCH AN AGREEMENT RESULTING FROM THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT, OR EVAN AN ANNOUNCEMENT OR AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE, WITH DETAILS TO BE NEGOTIATED. ANY SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD BE COUCHED IN TERMS TO AVOID UNWARRANTED AND, FOR THE USG, INCONVENIENT EXPECTATIONS, BUT SUCH AN ANNOUNCEMENT, IT SEEMS TO US, WOULD HAVE SUBSTANTIAL DOMESTIC US APPEAL.

3. FEDERAL BENEFITS: THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, AS OF DECEMBER 1972, HAD IDENTIFIED 70 POTENTIAL BENEFICIARIES NOW LIVING IN THE PRC. THE NUMBER IS PROBABLY CONSIDERABLY GREATER, AND IF WE

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ADD RETIREES LIVING IN HONG KONG SO, THAT THEY CAN RECEIVE BENEFITS, BUT WHO MIGHT PREFER TO LIVE IN THE PRC, POTENTIAL BENEFICIARIES COULD BE IN THE THOUSANDS. ON THE US SIDE THE MAJOR IMPEDIMENT IS THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT REGULATION PROHIBITING DISPATCH OF TREASURY CHECKS TO PAYEES IN COUNTRIES IN WHICH THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS UNABLE TO VERIFY THAT THE RECIPIENT WILL HAVE PERSONAL USE AND ENJOYMENT OF THE FUNDS RECEIVED. THERE ARE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS -- PRC BANKS REFUSE TO HANDLE US TREASURY CHECKS -- WHILE FOR POLITICAL REASONS PRC MIGHT DECLINE TO GIVE THE NEEDED ASSURANCES OR TO ALLOW US CONSULAR ACCESS TO VERIFY IDENTITY AND ELIGIBILITY. BUT SUCH AN AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE PUBLIC RELATIONS, AS WELL AS HUMANITARIAN, BENEFITS (AND FOR THE PRC IT COULD BE A NOT INCONSIDERABLE SOURCE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE).

4. US-PRC EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENTS: CHINESE RELUCTANCE TO EXCHANGE CORRESPONDENTS, THOUGH COUCHED IN TERMS OF "SBYNCIPLE" RELATING TO TAIWAN AND TO THE PRESENCE OF ROC CORRESPONDENTS IN WASHINGTON, MAY NOW BE LESSENER. HOWEVER, EVEN IF THE CHINESE ARE NOT PREPARED TO HAVE OUR CORRESPONDENTS RESIDENT IN PEKING (AND THEIRS IN WASHINGTON),

THEY MIGHT AGREE TO ADMIT US CORRESPONDENTS MORE REGULARLY FOR VISITS TO CHINA AND PERHAPS REGULARLY SEND CHINESE CORRESPONDENTS ON TRIPS TO THE US).

5. BICENTENNIAL INVITATION TO A PRC LEADER. THIS WOULD OF COURSE REQUIRE A CHANGE IN OUR POLICY ON CHINESE PARTICIPATION IN FEDERALLY-SPONSORED BICENTENNIAL EVENM, BUT THE BICENTENNIAL MIGHT PROVIDE US WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET AROUND THE CHINESE RELUCTANCE TO SEND A TOP-LEVEL VISITOR TO THE US BEFORE NORMALIZATION. THE CHINESE MIGHT FIND

IT POSSIBLE TO PRESERVE THEIR "PRINCIPLE" AGAINST SUCH VISITS BECAUSE OF THE ONE-TIME AND OTHERWISE UNIQUE NATURE OF THE BICENTENNIAL (INCLUDING ITS ROOTS IN OUR REVOLUTION), PARTICULARLY IF THE VISIT WERE MADE TO PHILADELPHIA (WHICH HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF BEING WITHOUT AN ROC CONSULATE) OR TO BOSTON.

6. ENLARGED CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM: THE CHINESE WOULD PROBABLY AGREE TO A MINOR INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF FACILITATED EXCHANGES EACH WAY. WE MIGHT OBTAIN LONGER-TERM EXCHANGES OF SCHOLARS AND PERHAPS EVEN STUDENT EXCHANGES. THE CULTURAL PROPOSALS WE HAVE SEEN DO NOT INCLUDE AN EXTRAVAGANZA

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COMPARABLE TO THE 1973 PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA VISIT. A MAJOR ORCHESTRAL OR BALLET PRESENTATION NEXT YEAR WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

7. HIGH-LEVEL AMERICAN VISITS: OUR CURRENT ECONOMIC EXCHANGE PROGRAM, WHILE SATISFACTORY, IS CONDUCTED AT THE TECHNICIAN AND MIDDLE GRADE BUREAUCRAT LEVEL. ONLY HIGH-LEVEL ECONOMIC VISIT TO CHINA HAS BEEN THE PRIVATE/INFORMAL ONE SECRETARY MORTON MADE IMMEDIATELY AFTER HE BECAME SECRETARY OF COMMERCE. SINO-AMERICAN TRADE HAS A VARIETY OF PROBLEMS, MANY OF WHICH ARE THE RESULT OF CHINESE UNWILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT REGULATIONS OF THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS. IN SOME CASES, IN FACT, CHINESE REGARD THESE AS NEGOTIABLE; IN OTHERS, AS DISCRIMINATORY AGAINST CHINA. ALTHOUGH SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS (E.G., HAVING USDA INSPECTORS VISIT CHINESE SLAUGHTER HOUSES) MAY HAVE NO SOLUTION AT PRESENT, THERE

ARE MANY OTHERS, SUCH AS OUR REGULATIONS ON LABELLING, PACKAGING AND FLAMMABILITY, ON WHICH HIGHER-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS MIGHT SUCCEED WHERE AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN HAVE NOT. WE MAY WISH TO HAVE, FOR VISIBILITY PURPOSES, EVEN RELATIVELY MINOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS EMPHASIZED BY HIGH-LEVEL AMERICAN VISITORS IF THE PRC IS WILLING TO RECEIVE SUCH VISITORS AT THIS STAGE IN OUR RELATIONS. AN ARGUMENT AGAINST SUCH HIGH-LEVEL AMERICAN VISITS IS THAT THEY WOULD PERPETUATE THE ONE-WAY NATURE OF SINO-US HIGH-LEVEL VISITS. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT MINISTERIAL-LEVEL CHINESE WILL VISIT WASHINGTON AT THIS STAGE, BUT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC OR TECHNICAL CONFERENCE IN THE US TO ATTRACT A HIGH-LEVEL CHINESE VISITOR TO OTHER PLACES IN THE COUNTRY.

8. CLAIMS/ASSETS: THE CHINESE CERTAINLY ARE AWARE THAT THIS PROBLEM IS A REAL IMPEDIMENT TO DEVELOPING RELATIONS IN SEVERAL AREAS. WHILE WE HAVE NO READING ON WHETHER OR NOT THEY WILL BE PREPARED TO MOVE, WE ASSUME SECRETARY'S VISIT WILL INCLUDE AN EFFORT TO FIND OUT. PARAS 9 AND 10, HOWEVER, COVER TWO STEPS WHICH IMPINGE ON THE CLAIMS/ASSETS PROBLEM BUT WHICH MIGHT STILL BE CONSIDERED AT THIS POINT.

9. SINO-AMERICAN SHIPPING: ONE REASON CHINESE SHIPS DO NOT NOW VISIT US PORTS IS FEAR OF SEIZURE BY AMERICAN CLAIMANTS WHOSE PROPERTY WAS EXPROPRIATED BY THE PRC SINCE 1949. AS A RESULT, CHINESE PORTS ARE NOT OPEN TO AMERICAN SHIPS. THE PRESIDENT COULD PROPOSE LEGISLATION, SIMILAR TO THAT USED TO PROTECT THE CHINESE ARCHEOLO-

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GICAL EXHIBIT FROM SUIT, TO EXEMPT SHIPS BELONGING TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA FROM SUIT BY THESE CLAIMANTS FOR EXPROPRIATED PROPERTY AND BY THE ROC. (GENERAL EXEMPTION FROM SUIT SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN TO MAKE SURE PRC SHIPS REMAIN LIABLE FOR THE ORDINARY ACCIDENTS OF NAVIGATION.) THIS PROPOSAL WOULD BE MORE COMPLEX AND POLITICALLY MORE CONTROVERSIAL THAN ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION. BUT IF IT WERE POLITICALLY FEASIBLE, IT WOULD PROVIDE HIGHLY VISIBLE EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS IN OUR RELATIONS. (WHILE AIR TRANSPORT BETWEEN THE US AND CHINA WOULD BE AT LEAST AS VALUABLE AND MORE VISIBLE, WE BELIEVE THAT COMPLICATIONS WITH THE ROC AND WITH THE NEGOTIATION OF RECIPROCAL ROUTE RIGHTS WOULD RENDER IT IMPRACTICABLE.)

10. TRADE EXHIBITIONS: AGAIN, THE ABSENCE OF A CLAIMS/ASSETS SETTLEMENT IMPACTS ON THE CHINESE WILLINGNESS TO SEND TRADE EXHIBITIONS

TO THE US, AND PRESUMABLY TO RECEIVE US EXHIBITIONS. AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON AN EXCHANGE OF TRADE EXHIBITIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA WOULD BE A CONCRETE WAY OF DEMONSTRATING THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF OUR TRADE. BENEFIT COULD BE DERIVED FROM A SERIES OF SPECIALIZED EXHIBITIONS OF EXPORT GOODS IN ONE OR MORE CITIES IN BOTH COUNTRIES: THE US, FOR EXAMPLE, COULD EXHIBIT OIL PROSPECTING AND DRILLING EQUIPMENT, SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, MINING EQUIPMENT, AND FOOD PROCESSING AND PACKAGING EQUIPMENT; THE PRC COULD EXHIBIT CHINESE HANDICRAFTS, TEXTILES/RUGS. FOR BOTH SIDES, THESE SMALLER EXHIBITS WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE EXHIBITS JUST HELD BY THE FRG AND SOON TO BE HELD BY JAPAN. THEY WOULD BE MUCH CHEAPER (THE FRG EXHIBIT COST AT LEAST US\$10 MILLION) AND COULD BE MOUNTED IN A MUCH SHORTER TIME (THE FRG EXHIBIT TOOK TWO YEARS OF PREPARATION), AND WOULD BE CALCULATED TO SHOW EACH COUNTRY'S MOST COMPETITIVE GOODS.

11. AGRICULTURAL RELATIONS: WITHOUT ACKNOWLEDGING IT, CHINESE HAVE MADE GOOD USE OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL TECHNIQUES AND EVEN CROPS (E.G., HYBRID AMERICAN CORN, WHICH HAS BECOME A MAJOR CHINESE CROP IN THE LAST FEW YEARS). US POLITICIANS OF BOTH PARTIES HAVE PROPOSED A SINO-AMERICAN SOYBEAN INSTITUTE, DESIGNED TO POOL CHINESE AND AMERICAN RESOURCES ON IMPROVING THE YIELD AND THE UTILIZATION OF SOYBEANS, BUT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT RESPONDED. IF RAISED AT A

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POLITICAL LEVEL, HOWEVER, THE IDEA OF SINO-US COOPERATION IN CROP IMPROVEMENT OF NOT ONLY SOYBEANS, BUT ALSO CORN, COTTON AND OTHER MAJOR CROPS, MAY BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE PRC. THE CHINESE WOULD BE THE NET GAINERS FROM THE STRICTLY AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT, BUT A PROPOSAL FOR SOME PERMANENT SINO-US ORGANIZATION FOR CROP IMPROVEMENT, WHETHER IT IS CALLED AN INSTITUTE OR COMMITTEE, OR SIMPLY A SERIES OF EXCHANGES OF SEED, TECHNOLOGY, OR VISITS, WOULD BE A SMALL SIGNAL OF IMPROVING RELATIONS. IT WOULD, WE BELIEVE, BE POPULAR IN THE CONGRESS SINCE IN A SENSE THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE TAKING OVER AND ENLARGING AN IDEA THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN PROPOSED THERE.

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THE PRESIDENT

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Chinese Leaders Meet with Their American Peoples Front Group:  
In a clear example of Peking playing symbolic politics, the New China News Agency reports that on October 10 -- the Nationalist Chinese National Day -- PRC Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-p'ing met with leaders of the "U.S.-China Peoples Friendship Association." This organization, ostensibly formed spontaneously by American citizens supportive of Peking's positions on many political issues, is, according to FBI sources, a front group for the Revolutionary Union, a semi-covert American Maoist organization [redacted]

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[redacted] Peking has been giving increasing publicity to the "U.S.-China Peoples Friendship Association" over the past year, in contrast to their efforts to down-play the role of the broad-based private "facilitating" organizations we have relied upon to promote Sino-American cultural and scientific contacts. The PRC action in giving the U.S. "friendship" organization such high-level treatment as a reception by Vice Premier Teng thus constitutes a bit of nose-thumbing at both the U.S. and the Republic of China.

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