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The Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China has invited a bipartisan Congressional delegation to visit China for about two weeks beginning November 8. The delegation will be headed by Senator Carl Curtis, Republican of Nebraska, with Senator Birch Bayh, Democrat of Indiana, as deputy leader. Members of the group include Senator Milton Young, Republican of North Dakota, Senator Ernest Hollings, Democrat of South Carolina, Senator Ted Stevens, Republican of Alaska, and Senator Bennett Johnston, Democrat of Louisiana.

Details of the trip, which was agreed to in principle during Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's October 1975 trip to Peking are being worked out in consultation with the Liaison Office of the People's Republic of China in Washington.

This will be the fifteenth delegation of American officials to visit the People's Republic of China since the United States initiated efforts to normalize U.S.-PRC relations in 1971, apart from President Nixon's visit in 1972, President Ford's visit in 1975, and Secretary Kissinger's trips to Peking. The fourteen previous groups included thirteen Congressional delegations and a delegation of State Governors.

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