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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

DATE: September 4, 1975 FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

VIA: Warren S. Rustand

MEETING:

A delegation of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade from the People's Republic of China.

DATE:

Monday, September 8, 3:30 - 3:50 p.m. or Tuesday, September 9, 2:00 - 2:20 p.m.

PURPOSE:

This is the first high level trade delegation the PRC has sent to the United States. As background for your own trip to Peking later this year, it is recommended that you receive this delegation.

FORMAT:

-Oval Office, Cabinet Room, or Rose Garden if

the weather permits.

-12 delegation members, PRC Liaison Office Chief Huang Chen, and two representatives of the U.S. host organization, the National Council for U.S.-

China Trade. -20 minutes

SPEECH MATERIAL:

Informal talking points, emphasizing your support for U.S.- PRC normalization and hopes for the development of constructive bilateral relations through trade, will be provided.

PRESS COVERAGE:

Meeting to be announced, White House press corps

and photographic coverage.

STAFF:

Henry A. Kissinger, Brent Scowcroft

RECOMMEND:

Henry A. Kissinger

OPPOSED:

None

PREVIOUS:

This will be the first large group from the PRC that

PARTICIPATION: you have received.

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To establish a positive basis for your trip to Peking later this year, and to express your support for normalization of U.S.- PRC relations, I believe it is important for you to receive this group. Senior Chinese leaders normally receive visiting American delegations of a stature equivalent to this trade delegation.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL 5931

URGENT ACTION

September 4, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM:

Richard H. Solomon WS

SUBJECT:

Request for a Presidential Meeting with the China

Council for the Promotion of International Trade

On September 3 you cabled approval of my memo of July 31 recommending that the President receive a delegation from the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade.

At Tab A is a schedule proposal from you to the President recommending that he receive this delegation.

Once the proposal is approved by the President, I will prepare a talker. In addition, I will be coordinating with the National Council for U.S.- China Trade, the host organization, on completing physical arrangements for the call on the President. I also will plan to take notes at the session.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the schedule proposal at Tab A.

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September 4, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM:

Richard H. Solomon

SUBJECT:

Backchannel to USLO Informing Them of the Chinese Response on Proposed Dates for Your and the President's Visits to Peking

On the basis of Ambassador Han Hsu's response today to your proposals of August 12 and 14 (conveyed by Win Lord) for your visit and that of the President to Peking, I have drafted a backchannel message informing USLO Deputy Chief Harry Thayer of the Chinese response. (Ambassador Bush is at present in the U.S. on home leave.) We informed USLO of the original demarche on August 13; hence, I believe it would be useful to keep Deputy Chief Thayer apprised of the most recent development.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve the cable at Tab A.

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TO:

Harry Thayer

Deputy Chief USLO Peking

FROM:

Brent Scowcroft

The White House

SUBJECT:

PRC Response to Our Proposals for Dates of

the Secretary's and President's Visits to China

1. As a follow on to our message to you of August 13 informing you of the Secretary's proposals to the Chinese for dates for his and President's visits to China, we want to keep you apprised of recent developments.

2. PRCLO Deputy Chief Han Hsu called on Lord, Gleysteen, and Solomon today to give the Chinese response. He said that in principle the Chinese side agrees to the plan put forward by the U.S. side. However, inasmuch as we had not proposed specific dates, but only a series of days which bracketed the time of a possible visit, the Chinese side will await a further, more specific proposal from us. Han added that regarding our proposal for a public announcement of the Secretary's next trip in mid-September, the Chinese side feels that it would be more appropriate to abide by "usual practice" and delay an announcement until about ten days before the visit (which presumably

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would mean about October 10). Lord inquired whether the Chinese side had any views on the length of either visit. Han replied that he had received no instructions on this question.

- 3. At the Secretary's instruction, Lord also briefed Han on the results of the recent Middle East negotiations. He pointed out that there had been another interim step in which the Israelis would be returning certain occupied lands to Egypt. Lord emphasized the Secretary's view that the interim agreement is a positive development in maintaining the momentum of the negotiations and that the U.S. intends to press ahead toward a just settlement of regional scope and not rest content with the present partial agreement. He added that the U.S. intends to continue to play a role in the Middle East negotiations, and noted that the Chinese side has repeatedly supported us in such a role. Lord also said there were both public and private indications that the Soviets were not very happy about this recent development in the Middle East.
- 4. Han indicated that the day after tomorrow he will be returning to Peking. When asked about the length of his stay in China he said, "at least one month."
- 5. <u>Comment</u>: While today's PRC response to our proposals on the timing of the two visits appears positive on the surface, it does give

us a somewhat peculiar impression of an attempt by Peking to hold off a final decision regarding the visit and public announcement of the Secretary's next trip as long as possible. In addition, the time period of more than three weeks between the Secretary's initial proposal and Han's response today is more of a delay than we have normally encountered in these types of exchanges. While we draw no firm conclusions from these fragmentary impressions at this time, we do wonder whether the recent indications in PRC media of a surfacing of political tensions may not reflect a growing distraction within the senior leadership in Peking.

6. Warm regards.



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September 8, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM:

Richard H. Solomon

SUBJECT:

PRC Action on the U.S. Mayors Exchange Group

In early August the U.N. Committee on Decolonization held a vote on a Cuban resolution attacking the U.S. position in Puerto Rico. The resolution called for a General Assembly investigation of the situation on the island, and admission in observer status of the Puerto Rican Liberation Front. In response to this situation, the Secretary instructed Ambassador Bush to make a strong representation to Peking (as was made to all countries involved in the UNGA vote) saying that support for the hostile resolution would "affect our relationship."

The Chinese (unlike the Soviets) ultimately chose to "not participate" in the UNGA vote, thus assisting us indirectly in our successful effort to defeat the Cuban resolution.

At virtually the same hour that the Chinese U.N. delegation "non-participated" in the UNGA vote, however, the PRC Liaison Office here informed the National Committee on U.S.- China Relations, a private group facilitating cultural exchanges with China, that it would be "inconvenient" to receive the Mayor of San Juan as deputy leader of a U.S. mayors delegation scheduled to visit the PRC in mid-September as part of our officially negotiated exchange program. The Chinese explicitly linked their "inconvenience" in receiving the Mayor of San Juan to the vote situation in the U.N.

The mayors group subsequently requested of Huang Chen that his government reconsider its stand on this issue. After a two week wait, however, the Chinese Liaison Office informed the mayors (today) that they could not reconsider their position, and that receiving the Mayor of San Juan would still be "inconvenient."

On the basis of the mayors' recent reaction to this situation, they can be expected to say publicly that they cannot visit China under the

conditions imposed by the PRC, and that Peking is interfering in our internal political affairs by setting such a condition for their trip.

There is also a rather strong and emotional reaction on the part of the National Committee on U.S.- China Relations that the President should not receive the PRC trade delegation today as a sign of Administration displeasure with Peking's stand on the mayors delegation. They want us to signal to Peking that China will "pay a price" for politicizing exchanges, and that the USG is not afraid to risk publicly damaging its relations with Peking if the Chinese play around with our domestic political situation.

My own recommendation, which is supported by the EA Bureau at State, is that we should not retaliate by cancelling the Presidential reception today. We will have a variety of other ways we can signal to the Chinese our displeasure and that we should be cautious about broadening the problems we have with the Chinese in the exchange program without fully considering related implications such as the mood surrounding the President's trip.



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September 10, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SOOWCROF

FROM:

Richard H. Solomon

SUBJECT:

Talker for Your Meeting with George Bush

You have agreed to meet with George Bush, Chief of our Liaison Office in Peking, for about a half hour beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 11.

Bush returned from Peking for a week of vacation in Maine just before Labor Day. He has since made the rounds in Washington, which has included a day at CIA, a session with Phil Habib, Win Lord, and myself at the State Department, a discussion with Don Rumsfeld, and at least one dinner with Chinese Liaison Office Chief Huang Chen. Just after your meeting with him, Bush will see the Vice President.

Bush has indicated that there are no special topics he wishes to raise with you. However, he is obviously very interested in the politics of our current relationship with the Chinese, and planning for the President's visit later this year. He has read all the recent material reflecting our (inconclusive) search for a strategy for the President's trip.

The following talking points give you a few items that may be of value in structuring the conversation.

Talking Points

- -- You are back in Washington at a very useful time in terms of our efforts to plan for the President's trip. As you can tell, we are still in the process of trying to put together the most appropriate strategy for Mr. Ford's visit.
- -- As you own messages from Peking have clearly indicated, the President faces a complex set of political choices relating to the normalization process. The situation has been seriously complicated by a

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combination of the spring developments in Indochina, and our efforts to gauge domestic political reactions to further normalization moves as the 1976 elections approach.

- -- Frankly we have not yet settled on an approach to pursue with the Chinese given the outstanding issues in our relationship, particularly Taiwan. I wonder what your views are on the position we should adopt?
- -- From your contacts with Congressional people and White House officials, as well as your dealings in Peking, you see both the Chinese element in this situation and our own domestic situation. Do you think the Chinese might be able to offer us a normalization deal which would pass muster in the Congress and the GOP on the eve of an election?
- -- What do you think is going on in China now with the new political campaign? Some people have suggested the recent polemics are a veiled criticism of Teng Hsiao-p'ing, or even Mao himself. Others have seen elements of a debate on policy toward the Soviet Union and the U.S. I wonder if you have any views on the Chinese internal situation?
- -- How are you finding things in Peking after a year out there? Do you feel we are keeping you sufficiently well-informed? As far as I am aware we are briefing you on all developments here by one channel or another. What is the mood of your dealings with the Chinese?
- -- I gather you will be stoping off to see Al Haig on your way back to Peking. I hope you will share with us any insights that develop from conversations you have with him on how we might proceed in the China relationship.
- -- If there is anything more we can do for you from this office, I hope you will let us know.



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