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THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary  
(Beijing, China)

For Immediate Release

February 26, 1989

INTERVIEW OF THE PRESIDENT  
BY CHINESE TV

CCTV Studios  
Beijing, China

6:02 P.M. (L)

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Fourteen years ago, Barbara and I came to your beautiful land when I was, as you said, Chief of the United States Liaison Office. And for us, returning to Beijing is a homecoming. Our work here was a source of great personal satisfaction; a happy, challenging time in our lives. And we actually went to church here; indeed our daughter was baptized in our faith here, and we rode bicycles down the hutungs of Beijing, and came to have a general feeling of affection for the Chinese people. And we knew then that the relationship that we would establish between our two nations would be a special one indeed.

And we were right. Today, the bridges that started with the Shanghai Communique years ago -- today that relationship has joined our peoples together in friendship and respect. And our two countries continue to weave an increasingly rich fabric of relations through our expanding trade, and cultural and scientific exchange. American students study at many of your finest universities and we welcome thousands of Chinese students and researchers to educational institutions in the United States.

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Q Mr. President, you've been in office for just a month and many people are probably surprised that you've decided to come to China so soon. Why now?

THE PRESIDENT: Now because you see, I view the relationship between China and the United States as highly significant, as one of the very most important relationships that we have. And so it has a lot to do with bilateralism, with our trade and our cultural exchanges and what I said here about the children. But it's more than that. It really has, because of China's importance and ours, a lot to do with world peace. And so before much time went by, I wanted to reaffirm the importance that the United States places on this bilateral relationship and I wanted to pledge to the Chinese leaders -- and I've met the top four leaders in the last day and a half -- that this relationship will grow and it will prosper. And we have economic problems and China has some, but together we're going to solve them and we're going to move forward.

Q Well, this is your second day in China. How do you assess your time here? What specifically have you achieved on this trip?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, really it's been a period to -- just in that short period of time -- to visit with the Chinese leadership and Chairman Deng Xiaoping and others -- Zhao Ziyang and Li Peng, Chairman Yang -- all of these men giving a lot of their time to explain the reforms in China, the new directions that China is taking in world affairs. We had an interesting exchange on the forthcoming visit of General Secretary Gorbachev coming here. And it is important that they understand what I'm thinking in terms of the Middle East or the subcontinent or our relations with the Soviet Union on arms control, and it's important I understand theirs. So it hasn't been a visit that has three points on an agenda. It's a visit with a much broader perspective and a reaffirmation of a relationship

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Q Well, it's said there's vast potential in strengthening both the economic and technological cooperation between China and the United States. How do we best tap that potential, and how do we overcome problems such as the restrictions on the transfer of technology?

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**REMARKS:**

Please forward any comments/recommendations to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, by NOON, Monday, February 20, 1989, with an info copy to my office. Sorry for the short turnaround. Thank you.

**RESPONSE:**

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James W. Cicconi  
Assistant to the President  
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff  
Ext. 2702

((Winston))

February 19, 1989

5:00 p.m.

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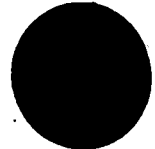
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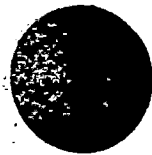
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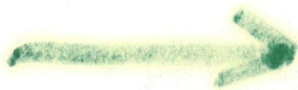
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