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M S M a i l

DATE-TIME 03 August 95 10:45
FROM Schwartz, Eric P.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT FW: Harry Wu Case -- Letter to Frank Wolf [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Suettinger, Robert L.
CARBON_COPY Cooper, Kathleen H.
Halperin, Morton H.
Kammerer, Kelly C.
Lorin, Matthew E.
Malley, Robert
Noetzel, Jon C.
Tyler, John T.

TEXT_BODY

One addition:

In memo to POTUS, we should say, at some point, something like:

Our efforts on this case are also important as a signal of U.S. support for human rights monitoring activity worldwide and of our willingness to support those who are victimized for their attempts to expose violations.

From: Suettinger, Robert L.
To: Danvers, William C.; Schwartz, Eric P.
CC: /R, Record at A1
Subject: Harry Wu Case -- Letter to Frank Wolf [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Wednesday, August 02, 1995 06:57 PM

[[5394LTR.DOC : 2649 in 5394LTR.DOC]][[5394MTP.DOC : 2650 in 5394MTP.DOC]][[5394TL.DOC : 2651 in 5394TL.DOC]]

Bill & Eric --

I can't seem to find package 5394 -- response to Frank Wolf re Harry Wu. I'd appreciate if you could look to see if you have it (both are on for concurrence), as it's overdue. In any case, I had to update the materials a little bit to reflect Christopher's raising the issue with China's FM. Below are the revised memos and letter. Please clear these so I can send them forward. Thanks.

Bob

**ATTACHMENT
FILE DATE**

2 August 95 18:53

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Dear Representative Wolf:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter and suggestions with respect to the Harry Wu situation. Like you, I am profoundly troubled by this case and its broader implications.

As you know, we have been working persistently to get the Chinese to release Mr. Wu, arguing that his prominence as a human rights activist in this country means that punishing him will do severe damage to China's already-tarnished reputation in the eyes of the American public. Secretary Christopher brought up the issue with China's Foreign Minister when they met in Brunei on August 1. We have also been helped by other countries raising Mr. Wu's case with the Chinese.

Up to now, we have refrained from taking the kind of retaliatory measures you suggest out of concern that doing so might adversely affect Mr. Wu's chances of being released. Obviously, his freedom remains our first priority.

In the meantime, let me assure you we will make every effort to ensure that he is treated properly and receives the best legal assistance available under Chinese law. We are not putting this case aside. As you know, Tony Lake has met with Mrs. Wu and pledged we will do everything possible to ensure Harry Wu's safe return to the United States.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Frank R. Wolf
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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2 August 95 18:54

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cc: Vice President

Chief of Staff

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

**FROM: ANTHONY LAKE
PATRICK GRIFFIN**

**SUBJECT: Letter to Representative Frank Wolf on
Harry Wu**

Purpose

To respond to a letter from Representative Frank R. Wolf, who wrote urging you to take retaliatory actions against the Chinese to pressure them to release Harry Wu. He also recommends you meet with Mrs. Wu.

Background

Harry Wu was arrested at a border checkpoint on June 19, and has since been moved to the central Chinese city of Wuhan, where he is imprisoned while his case is being investigated. Although formal charges have not yet been brought, Wu has been publicly accused by the Chinese government of using improper travel documents and travelling to restricted areas, stealing "state secrets" and disseminating them to organizations outside of China. We finally

gained consular access to him on July 10, and found he has not been mistreated and is in reasonably good health.

We have maintained consistently to the Chinese that, given Wu's prominence, particularly with Congress, the Chinese should release him immediately in the interest of preventing further damage to U.S.-China relations. They have refused to do so, insisting that the case is a domestic legal nature, and the U.S. should not interfere. Although the press furor has died down somewhat, it could easily be revived.

Secretary Christopher raised Wu's case with China's Foreign Minister Qian when they met in Brunei. Qian implied that once China's legal system has tried and convicted Wu, he could be expelled, but that the process cannot be forced. How long that will take, we simply don't know. It was clear that Qian understands the larger significance of the case, however.

Congressman Wolf is Wu's most prominent champion in the House, and has written you recommending several steps be taken: 1) That you meet personally with Mrs. Wu; 2) That a travel advisory be issued for China; and 3) that the United States should refuse to participate in the UN-sponsored Fourth World Conference on Women scheduled for September in Beijing (or at least that the First Lady not attend).

Your reply indicates we are doing what we can to convince the Chinese to release Wu without taking steps that might incite them to take harsher action against him.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments
Tab A Letter to Representative Wolf
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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2 August 95 18:52

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August 2, 1995

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: STANLEY O. ROTH

FROM: ROBERT L. SUETTINGER

SUBJECT: Letter from Representative Wolf re Harry
Wu Imprisonment

Attached at Tab I is a Memorandum for the President asking him to sign the letter at Tab A to Representative Frank Wolf, who wrote urging the President to take retaliatory steps, beginning with a travellers' warning, to force the Chinese government to release Harry Wu from prison. He also recommends the President meet with Mrs. Wu.

The President's reply indicates that we continue to raise the case with Chinese authorities, and that Secretary Christopher raised it with Foreign Minister Qian. In the meantime, we are working to ensure that Wu is properly treated and has regular access to U.S. consular officials.

Concurrence by: Bill Danvers, Eric
Schwartz

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Memorandum for the President at Tab I

Attachment

Tab I Memorandum for the President

Tab A Letter to Representative Frank Wolf

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

M S M a i l

DATE-TIME 03 August 95 15:30
FROM Wozniak, Natalie S.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT FOR SANDY BERGER PER KRIS [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Bass, Peter E.
Cicio, Kristen K.
Emery, Mary C.
Hall, Wilma G.
Veit, Katherine M.
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TEXT_BODY [[CHINA.DOC : 3880 in CHINA.DOC]]

**ATTACHMENT
FILE DATE** 3 August 95 15:29
**ATTACHMENT
FILE NAME** CHINA.DOC

CHINA - TAIWAN

U.S. Air Force Officers Expelled From China

Q: What can you tell us about the two Air Force officers caught spying in China?

-- China has expelled Colonel Joseph W. Chan and Captain Dwayne H. Florenzie, both assigned to the U.S. Consulate General in Hong Kong, and both have returned safely to Hong Kong. They are currently undergoing debriefing. Both are in good condition and were not mistreated in any way.

-- The two officers were traveling in China on valid diplomatic passports. When they failed to contact their families and office as expected, we initiated inquiries into their whereabouts with Chinese

authorities. The Chinese informed us through our embassy that the two men had been detained and that they were to be released in 24 hours.

-- As far as we know, they were on authorized travel consistent with their status under the Vienna Convention.

-- We hope this will have no repercussions on U.S. - China relations.

-- Secretary Christopher did not raise this in his discussions with the Chinese Foreign Minister because he knew it was being addressed through other channels.

Q: Were the officers engaged in spying, as the Chinese allege?

A: We don't comment on that kind of issue.

Q: Where were they caught? What were they doing there? What were their orders?

A: Refer these questions to DoD press spokesman.

Q: Was this an effort to sabotage meetings between Christopher and the Chinese Foreign Minister?

A: We have no idea. The meetings were held, and both sides have said they were satisfied with the results.

Q: Will the U.S. retaliate by expelling a Chinese attaché?

A: I have nothing for you on that question.

Q: Will there be an apology?

A: No comment at this time.

We are still evaluating the facts of this case and debriefing the officers.

Harry Wu

Q: What are you doing to secure Wu's release?

A: We remain very concerned about the Harry Wu case and continue to work to persuade the Chinese government to release him immediately.

We have made clear in repeated demarches and other communications with the Chinese

government that this is a high-priority issue in U.S.-China relations. Its repercussions go beyond the legal case itself. Our charge, raised the case again this week with a senior Foreign Ministry official.

We are also working with other countries to reinforce the point that the Wu case is of great importance for U.S.-China relations.

We continue to request more frequent consular access.

Q: Is it true that you have sought greater access and it has been denied?

A: We have sought additional access to Mr. Wu, in addition to the once-per-month authorized under the U.S.-China bilateral consular agreement. Those requests have not been approved. We were informed last week that we will be permitted another consular visit shortly, although the date has not yet been set.

First Lady Participation in Fourth World Conference on Women

Q: Will the First Lady be going to Beijing for the Fourth World Conference on Women?

A: No decision has been made yet on whether or not she will participate in the conference.

Q: Why not?

A: There are scheduling considerations involved, as well as more complicated logistics, security and other factors that must be taken into account.

Q: Has she been invited?

A: Of course. The First Lady is the honorary co-chair of the U.S. official delegation. She has also been invited personally by UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros Ghali to attend.

Q: What about the Chinese Government?

A We have no reason to believe the Chinese Government would object to the First Lady's participation in the conference.

Q: Are you waiting for Harry Wu to be released before deciding?

A: The decision on the First Lady's participation in the conference is not contingent on any one consideration.

Q: Is the U.S. satisfied with preparations made by China for the conference?

A: There have been a number of problems with credentials, visas, hotel accommodations, and the site for the NGO Forum. Not all of them have been resolved to everyone's satisfaction. But these problems will not prevent the U.S. delegation from participating in the event.

Q: Are you expecting trouble at the conference? A security problem?

A: No.

Q: Is Congressional opposition a factor in the decision?

A: Congressional efforts to prevent the U.S. delegation from participating in the conference, principally because it is being held in China, are inappropriate and unnecessary.

This is a United Nations-sponsored event, and the issues that will be addressed at the conference are extremely important for women in this country, and around the world.

China was selected as the host country for the conference. All host officials and delegates have a responsibility to see to it that the conference is a success.

We do not wish disagreements between the U.S. and Chinese governments to overshadow the conference.

Q: When will the final decision be made?

A: I have nothing on that at present.

M S M a i l

DATE-TIME 07 August 95 10:42
FROM Suettinger, Robert L.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT Asia Press Guidance [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Fetig, James L.
Mitchell, Calvin A.
Wozniak, Natalie S.
CARBON_COPY Roth, Stanley O.
TEXT_BODY
I must have erased Natalie's Friday final, so this is taken from what I submitted. Please make again whatever adjustments were made Friday. Apologies for the inconvenience.

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**ATTACHMENT
FILE DATE** 7 August 95 10:40
**ATTACHMENT
FILE NAME** ASIA8-7.DOC

Harry Wu

Q: What are you doing to secure Wu's release?

A: We remain very concerned about the Harry Wu case and continue to work to persuade the Chinese government to release him immediately.

We have made clear in repeated demarches and other communications with the Chinese

government that this is a high-priority issue in U.S.-China relations. Its repercussions go beyond the legal case itself. Our charge, raised the case again this week with a senior Foreign Ministry official.

We are also working with other countries to reinforce the point that the Wu case is

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importance for U.S.-China relations.

We continue to request more frequent consular access.

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Q: Will the First Lady be going to Beijing for the Fourth World Conference on Women?

A: No decision has been made yet on whether or not she will participate in the conference.

Q: Why not?

A: It's contingent on a variety of factors. I'm not going to get into the details.

Q: Has she been invited?

A: Of course. The First Lady is the honorary co-chair of the U.S. official delegation. She has also been invited personally by UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros Ghali to attend.

Q: What about the Chinese Government?

A: We have no reason to believe the Chinese Government would object to the First Lady's participation in the conference.

Q: Are you waiting for Harry Wu to be released before deciding?

A: As I indicated, the First Lady's participation in the conference is contingent

on several considerations.

Q: Is the U.S. satisfied with preparations made by China for the conference?

A: There have been a number of problems with credentials, visas, hotel accommodation
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a responsibility to see to it that the conference is a success.

We do not wish disagreements between the U.S. and Chinese governments to
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the
conference.

Q: When will the final decision be made?

A: I have nothing on that at present.

M S M a i l

DATE-TIME 09 August 95 17:32
FROM Suettinger, Robert L.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT Subject: Responding to Mrs. Wu [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Schwartz, Eric P.
CARBON_COPY Roth, Stanley O.
TEXT_BODY

A first cut at talking points responding to questions about Ching Lee Wu's plea (made in public in early July and now by private letter) that the First Lady not attend the Beijing Women's Conference as long as Harry Wu is imprisoned.

Q: Is the First Lady planning to attend the Fourth World Conference on Women scheduled for Beijing in early September?

A: No decision has been made on that question yet.

Q: How can she go with Harry Wu still in jail?

A: The decision will involve a variety of factors.

The First Lady is the honorary co-chair of the U.S. official delegation. She has also been invited personally by UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros Ghali to attend.

Q: What about Mrs Wu's request that she not attend the conference?

A We share with Mrs. Wu a deep concern with the fate of her husband. The

Administration is doing everything it can to obtain his release. We have avoided recourse to pressure tactics out of concern that they might in fact make his plight worse.

We will continue working on securing Mr. Wu's release. It is a very high priority issue in the bilateral relationship. It has been raised at the highest levels of the Chinese government.

Unfortunately, there is no reason to believe that Mrs. Clinton's refusal to attend the conference would get Harry Wu released any sooner.

This is a long-awaited, UN-sponsored conference to address issues that are extremely important for women in this country, and around the world. The First Lady has an abiding interest in those issues.

China was selected -- under the auspices of the UN -- as the host country for the conference. Attendance at this conference in no way implies approval of the Chinese political system, or even of the way the Chinese government has organized the conference.

The Conference will have an overwhelmingly important human rights message. It would be incongruous for the U.S. to refuse to attend and participate fully in the meeting because of a bilateral human rights dispute. We do not want disagreements between the U.S. and Chinese governments -- which are serious -- to overshadow the conference or its important message.

Q: What about Congressional opposition to the First Lady's going -- or for any U.S. delegates attending?

A: Congressional efforts to prevent the U.S. delegation from participating, just because it is being held in China, are inappropriate.

M S M a i l

DATE-TIME 10 August 95 09:56
FROM Sens, Andrew D.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT Subject: FW: Brooke's Wrap Up [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Dohse, Fred J.
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all yours

From: Baker, Jane E.
To: Darby, M. Brooke; @EXECSEC - Executive Secretary
CC: /N, NonRecord at A1; /R, Record at A1
Subject: RE: Brooke's Wrap Up [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Tuesday, August 01, 1995 06:06 PM

I spoke to Francesca in Pres Personnel - Schwartz had letters and is forwarding them to Pres. Lettters.

From: Darby, M. Brooke
To: @EXECSEC - Executive Secretary
CC: /R, Record at A1
Subject: Brooke's Wrap Up [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Tuesday, August 01, 1995 04:50 PM

I don't have much hanging out there as I leave for vacation:

We sent a Sens-Torkelson on Secretary O'Leary's request for Presidential Mission status (not for a plane) for her August trip to South Africa (pkg 5480). Mike Malone has not been able to get a yes/no answer from Counsel's office. POC at Energy is Steve Fried, 586-5534. Pls. let him know as soon as we have an answer.

Pkg 20855 (review of Dave Bryan) is in the Hold Bin awaiting edits by Admin. Admin says they're working on it.

Nancy had me rewrite a draft standard reply for Presidential Correspondence to use on letters re: Vietnam. It's in with her now (saved g:\execsec\vietstan) and Pres. Correspondence, specifically Kyle Baker, is very anxious to get it (Roth evidently held it for several weeks and the letters are piling up).

Francesca, intern from Pres. Personnel x65296, called to find out the status of some letters from private citizens on the Beijing Women's Conference that Pres. Personnel sent to us (attn: NSC vice anyone specific) for reply. I didn't find any record of the letters in the system and Suettinger says he hasn't seen them. Marcia Norman is going to check with Eric Schwartz and Halperin's office and let us know (via e-mail to @cross) if they've seen the letters. Could someone please get back to Francesca.

DEE - pls. check with Allison around the 10th on the Albright tour request for September 2.

That's it. I hope everyone has a very pleasant couple of weeks.

M S M a i l

DATE-TIME 10 August 95 10:14
FROM Suettinger, Robert L.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT Asia Press Guidance [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Fetig, James L.
Mitchell, Calvin A.
Wozniak, Natalie S.
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Jim --

I know there are different versions of this floating around. Could you consolidate the guidance on Harry Wu that Nancy edited yesterday for the President's press conference with this package, please. She was a bit annoyed at having to go over the same material twice yesterday. But I don't have the final version of stuff for the POTUS. Also, could you make sure the final version of today's guidance also goes to Maggie Williams in the First Lady's Office? Thanks.

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**ATTACHMENT
FILE DATE** 10 August 95 10:12

**ATTACHMENT
FILE NAME** ASIA8-10.DOC

China

First Lady's Participation in the Beijing Women's Conference

Background: Yesterday, Harry Wu's wife, Ching Lee Wu, sent a letter to the First Lady asking that she not attend the Beijing Women's Conference as long as Harry Wu is imprisoned. She had made a similar request in the press after meeting with Tony Lake in July. We don't know if she has made the letter public.

Q: Is the First Lady planning to attend the Fourth World Conference on Women scheduled

ed for
Beijing in early September?

A: The First Lady is the honorary co-chair of the U.S. official delegation. The issues of the conference are of deep concern to the U.S. Government. However, no decision has been made on the question of her participation in Beijing.

Q: How can she go with Harry Wu still in jail?

A: The decision will involve a variety of factors.

Unfortunately, there is no reason to believe that the level of US Government participation in the Women's Conference will have any impact on the likelihood or timing of Harry Wu's release.

China was selected -- under the auspices of the UN -- as the host country for the conference. Attendance at this conference in no way implies approval of the Chinese political system, or even of the way the Chinese government has organized the conference.

The Conference will have an overwhelmingly important human rights message. It would be incongruous for the U.S. to refuse to attend and participate fully in the meeting because of a bilateral human rights dispute.

We do not want disagreements between the U.S. and Chinese governments -- which are serious -- to overshadow the conference or its important message.

Q: What about Congressional opposition to the First Lady's going -- or for any U.S. delegates attending?

A: Congressional efforts to prevent the U.S. delegation from participating, just because it is being held in China, are inappropriate.

IF ASKED:

Q: What about Mrs Wu's request that the First Lady not attend the conference?

A We share with Mrs. Wu a deep concern with the fate of her husband. The Administration is doing everything it can to obtain his release.

It is a very high priority issue in the bilateral relationship. It has been raised at the highest levels of the Chinese government.

M S M a i l

DATE-TIME 16 August 95 10:06
FROM Suettinger, Robert L.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT Press guidance on FLOTUS [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Schwartz, Eric P.
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**ATTACHMENT
FILE DATE** 16 August 95 10:5

**ATTACHMENT
FILE NAME** FLPRES.DOC

Press Guidance -- August 16, 1995

China

Q: Can you comment on the story in the Washington Post about the First Lady's intentions re the Beijing Women's Conference?

A: The United States will be represented at this important international conference on women and Ambassador Albright will head the U.S. delegation.

-- No decision has been made yet on whether or not the First Lady will be going to Beijing for the Conference.

-- The decision is contingent on a variety of factors. I'm not going to get into the details.

Q: Is it true that the National Security Council is opposing the First Lady's attendance because of the Harry Wu case?

A: It is not accurate to say that the NSC is opposing the First Lady's attendance.

Q: Did Harry Wu's wife write the First Lady asking her not

to attend?

A: Yes.

Q: What was the First Lady's response?

A: I'm not prepared to get into details of the First Lady's correspondence.

-- We fully share Mrs. Wu's concern about the fate of her husband, and have done, and will continue to do our utmost to get him released.

-- The Conference is UN-sponsored; China was chosen as the host.

-- The conference itself presents a rare opportunity to chart further gains in the status and rights of women -- ending violence against women, expanding their participation in decisionmaking, assuring access to education and health care and strengthening families.

-- The First Lady is deeply interested in these issues and wishes to ensure that the Conference endorses these goals.

-- Whether or not the First Lady attends the conference in Beijing should not be seen as an indicator either of our concern for Wu or of our interest in other human rights issues relevant to China.

M S M a i l

DATE-TIME 18 August 95 12:04
FROM Schwartz, Eric P.
CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET~~
SUBJECT quick turnaround please ~~[SECRET]~~
TO Roth, Stanley O.
Suettinger, Robert L.
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White House Guidelines,
September 11, 2006

By KOE NARA, Date 04/20/16
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August 18, 1995

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: RICHARD CLARKE

FROM: ERIC SCHWARTZ

SUBJECT: First Lady's Participation at Beijing
Women's Conference: Pros and Cons

Background

I am presenting what I believe are the strongest arguments both for
and against the First Lady's travel to Beijing. I believe it is

more coherent to make the argument in prose rather than bullets, but the prose may be easily adapted to bullet form.

These arguments assume that Harry Wu will not be released before the Conference.

Arguments for Participation

First, the First Lady's participation will help advance critical Administration goals both here and abroad: ending violence against women, expanding their participation in decision-making, assuring access to education and health care and strengthening families. These goals demand our active engagement, so that the Beijing Conference should build on the social and political reforms that came out of earlier women's conferences in Mexico City, Copenhagen and Nairobi.

To be sure, our delegation will be led by Ambassador Albright, but the First Lady's presence will do far more to draw the world's attention to the growing impoverishment of the world's women and the effort to enhance the human rights of women. Moreover, some 30 other First Ladies will be in Beijing, including the First Ladies of France, Egypt and Jordan.

We can also advance our human rights agenda with the First Lady's participation at Beijing. Human rights will be an important theme in Beijing and we must ensure that the Conference's Platform for Action reaffirms -- and does not undermine -- the human rights achievements of the 1993 Vienna Conference on Human Rights. A strong statement on this issue by the First Lady at the Conference would lend great support to the effort to maintain the Vienna commitments on human rights.

It would also demonstrate that the way to promote such rights, in China and elsewhere, is not to abandon the field to others, but rather to debate head-on the differences of philosophy and ideology that exist, to lay out before the world the abuses we want to halt and the obstacles to progress we want to remove. It makes no sense

for the First Lady, in the name of human rights, to avoid a Conference that has, as a primary purpose, the promotion of human rights.

Arguments against participation

If Mrs. Clinton participates in the Conference, we will communicate indifference to the fate of Harry Wu and others who suffer abuses in China. A visit will also be perceived as conferring greater legitimacy upon the authorities in Beijing.

If Harry Wu is not released prior to the Conference, Mrs. Clinton's participation may also be seen as a sign of U.S. weakness in our bilateral relations with China. Like it or not, a perception is being created that Harry Wu's release is a pre-condition for Mrs. Clinton's participation. If Mrs. Clinton travels to China without Wu having been released, the Chinese and others may perceive (and report) that we have backed down.

Reaction on Capitol Hill will be quite vocal and negative.

The media and public reaction will also be problematic. Regardless of the truth, the press will likely speculate that Mrs. Clinton traveled over the objection of the President's foreign policy advisors. As mentioned above, they may also report that the U.S. backed down from its demand that Wu be released.

Finally, although the Conference document will be balanced and Conference participants represent a cross-section of views on women's issues, the press may play up controversies and highlight the contributions of participants perceived to have liberal-left sympathies. Mrs. Clinton's opponents will seek to associate her with participants such as Bella Abzug, Jane Fonda and Betty Friedan.

Concurrences by: Stanley Roth, Bob Suettinger

Attachment

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DATE-TIME 21 August 95 10:32
FROM Suettinger, Robert L.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT RE: Press Guidance Request [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Fetig, James L.
Mitchell, Calvin A.
Wozniak, Natalie S.
CARBON_COPY Hill, Roseanne M.
Roth, Stanley O.

TEXT_BODY

Included in the attached.

[[ASIA8-21.DOC : 2620 in ASIA8-21.DOC]]

From: Fetig, James L.
To: @ASIA - Asian Affairs
CC: /R, Record at A1; @PRESS - Public Affairs
Subject: Press Guidance Request [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Monday, August 21, 1995 08:07 AM

Tony has asked for guidance today on what we would do if China were to attack Taiwan.

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21 August 95 10:30

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CHINA

Q: Can you comment on the story in the Washington Post about the First Lady's intent
ions re the
Beijing Women's Conference?

A: The United States will be represented at this important international
conference
on women and
Ambassador Albright will head the U.S. delegation.

No decision has been made yet on whether or not the First Lady will be going to

Bei
jing for the
Conference.

The decision is contingent on a variety of factors. I'm not going to get into the details.

Q: Is it true that the National Security Council is opposing the First Lady's attendance because of the Harry Wu case?

A: The issue remains under review.

Q: Did Harry Wu's wife write the First Lady asking her not to attend?

A: Yes.

Q: What was the First Lady's response?

A: I'm not prepared to get into details of the First Lady's correspondence.

We fully share Mrs. Wu's concern about the fate of her husband, and have done, and will continue to do our utmost to get him released.

The Conference is UN-sponsored; China was chosen as the host.

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The First Lady is deeply interested in these issues and wishes to ensure that the Conference endorses these goals.

Whether or not the First Lady attends the conference in Beijing should not be seen as an indicator either of our concern for Wu or of our interest in other human rights issues relevant to China.

Q: Any word on when Wu might go to trial?

A: I have nothing for you about that.

CHINA-TAIWAN -- Military Exercises

Q: What can you say about the Chinese military exercises going on in the Taiwan Straits. Are they a threat to Taiwan's security?

A: We continue to observe the Chinese exercises. We do not view them as directly threatening to Taiwan -- that is, they do not appear to be the prelude to an invasion or blockade.

-- That said, we consider this kind of saber-rattling to be inappropriate and not conducive to the resolution of differences between China and Taiwan.

-- The U.S. has always supported peaceful dialogue between China and Taiwan, and we urge both sides to return to that approach to resolve their differences.

-- Exercises of this nature raise tensions as well as increase the chances for a military incident. These are not conducive to the maintenance of a secure environment in the region, which has enabled both sides to prosper in peace.

Q: What would the United States do if China were to attack Taiwan?

A: That is a hypothetical question calling for a speculative answer.

Q: Is contingency planning going on in the U.S. for this possibility?

A: We do not comment on military planning.

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DOCUMENT NO. AND TYPE	SUBJECT/TITLE	DATE	RESTRICTION
001. email	George Andricos to Roseanne Hill, re: China Package for Sandy (9 pages)	08/22/1995	P1/b(1)

COLLECTION:

Clinton Presidential Records
NSC Emails
MSMail - Record (Sept 94 - Sept 97) ([Beijing Women's Conference])
OA/Box Number: 590000

FOLDER TITLE:

[08/03/1995 - 12/05/1995]

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RESTRICTION CODES

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DOCUMENT NO. AND TYPE	SUBJECT/TITLE	DATE	RESTRICTION
002. email	Eric Schwartz to Robert Suettinger, re: Memorandum as discussed (3 pages)	08/24/1995	P1/b(1)

COLLECTION:

Clinton Presidential Records
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MSMail - Record (Sept 94 - Sept 97) ([Beijing Women's Conference])
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TO Andricos, George M.
CARBON_COPY Atkin, Timothy J.
Beers, Rand R.
Brown, Dallas
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Mike:

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Eric

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FROM Schwartz, Eric P.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT First Lady's calls to Members [UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Bass, Peter E.
Cicio, Kristen K.
Emery, Mary C.
Hall, Wilma G.
Veit, Katherine M.

CARBON_COPY NO CC's on THIS MESSAGE

TEXT_BODY

Tony:

Nancy asked that I send you an information copy of talkers prepared for the First Lady. These are for phone calls with selected Members of Congress and will be modified for the press.

I will send you a draft press statement shortly. I understand that the President will see the media this morning. I would recommend against a morning announcement as that will not give us time to brief the Hill.

Eric

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Jim Fetig also reported that he had not received the draft press statement.
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Eric

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TEXT_BODY

Jim:

tony has approved this version to be released at 4 pm. McCurry would like a copy as well.

Will you handle from here?

Eric

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FROM Schwartz, Eric P.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT Final final version [UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Fetig, James L.
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Schuker, Jill A.
Wozniak, Natalie S.

CARBON_COPY Atkin, Timothy J.
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Jim:

Here it is, all corrected and ready to go.

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DATE-TIME 25 August 95 17:41

FROM Wozniak, Natalie S.

CLASSIFICATION ***** CLASSIFICATION NOT FOUND *****

SUBJECT SBTPS on First Lady's Attendance at UN Conference on Women

TO

Andreasen, Steven P.
Andricos, George M.
Appel, Edward J.
Argarin, Jocelyn D.
Armstrong, Fulton T.
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Baldwin, Kenneth
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Battenfield, Pat
Beardsley, Tyler S.
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Bellamy, Ralph C.
Bell, Robert G.
Benjamin, Daniel
Birkland, Andrea L.
Blacker, Coit D.
Blieberger, Marion H.
Blinken, Antony J.
Bolinski, Charlene C.
Boorstin, Robert O.
Boright, John
Bradley, Amelia J.
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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(Jackson Hole, Wyoming)

For Immediate Release August 25, 1995

STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

Upon the recommendation of the President's national security team, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will be attending the UN's Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing next month. As Honorary

Chair of the U.S. Delegation, the First Lady will be at the Conference on September 5 and 6.

The Conference presents a significant opportunity to chart further gains in the status of women, including strengthening families, promoting and protecting the human rights of women, expanding women's participation in decision-making and ensuring access to education and health care. The First Lady's attendance reflects the profound commitment of the United States to ensure that the Conference endorses all of these goals.

Although details of the First Lady's schedule are still to be determined (and will be released shortly), she is expected to address the Conference and other fora sponsored by official and non-governmental organizations.

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DATE-TIME 30 August 95 14:37
FROM Schwartz, Eric P.
CLASSIFICATION ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
SUBJECT ngo forum [~~CONFIDENTIAL~~]
TO Joshi, M. Kay
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White House Guidelines,
September 11, 2006

By KOE NARA, Date 01/20/16
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NGO Forum in China

The Non-governmental (NGO) Forum connected to the UN Fourth World Conference on Women opened today in the Chinese city of Huairou. The Forum is expected to attract about 35,000 representatives of non-governmental organizations and Ambassador Albright and the First Lady are tentatively scheduled to speak to gatherings at the site. The NGO Forum has been the subject of controversy: the Chinese decision to move the Forum from Beijing to Huairou, about 90 minutes from Beijing, was widely seen as an effort to isolate vocal and activist organizations. Moreover, there has been controversy surrounding rules for demonstrations, with the Chinese finally providing an isolated site at a middle school in Huairou for such activity. We have urged the Chinese to respect freedom of expression and assembly at the Conference.

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DATE-TIME 11 October 95 12:28
FROM Schwartz, Eric P.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT modified letter [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Roth, Stanley O.
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I've modified the letter -- first paragraph is rewritten -- per our conversation.

Seek your concurrence or your written fixes on the draft.

Thanks.

Eric

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FILE DATE** 11 October 95 12:27
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Dear Representative Barr:

Thank you for your letter recommending that the First Lady not attend the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing. I appreciated receiving your views on this issue, but did not share your perspectives on the nature of the Conference or the impact of the First Lady's participation. In the aftermath of the Conference, I am even more convinced that the First Lady's participation served

important national interests.

The Conference presented a significant opportunity to chart further gains in the status of women, including strengthening families, promoting human rights of women, expanding women's participation in decision-making and ensuring access to education and health care.

The First Lady's participation reflected our deep commitment to achieving these goals, which are especially critical in view of the problems that women continue to face around the globe.

For example, domestic violence is now believed to be the leading cause of death worldwide among women between 14 and 44. In our own country, nearly one in five households is headed by a single parent and more than one-third of the single families headed by women live in poverty. Moreover, two-fifths of divorced fathers do not pay court-ordered child support. Around the world, two-thirds of the world's illiterate adults are women, and two-thirds of the 130 million children without access to primary education are girls.

Charges that this Conference was pro-abortion and anti-family are simply untrue. In fact, the Conference Platform reaffirmed that in no case should abortion be promoted as a method of family planning. In addition, the Platform condemned forced abortion, female infanticide and prenatal sex selection, and called for an end to child labor.

The Platform even urged that governments make it easier for women to choose to bring pregnancies to term by ending discrimination against pregnant women in employment and education.

You also expressed concern that the First Lady's participation would send the wrong message on human rights. As you know, however, events on the ground proved just the opposite. The First Lady's affirmation that women's rights are human rights and her call for freedom of expression, association and assembly sent an unambiguous message not only to the Conference hosts, but to women and men throughout the world.

Thanks again for offering me your views on this important issue.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Bob Barr
U.S. House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

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DATE-TIME 01 December 95 11:21
FROM Schwartz, Eric P.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT Draft Human Rights Day Proclamation [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Bass, Peter E.
Cicio, Kristen K.
Hall, Wilma G.
Sens, Andrew D.
Veit, Katherine M.
Wiley, Mary C.

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Sandy:

FYI, I have attached the draft Human Rights Day Proclamation we are forwarding to Presidential Messages. It is based on a draft sent over (and cleared) by State.

Eric

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PROCLAMATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS DAY, BILL OF RIGHTS DAY
AND HUMAN
RIGHTS WEEK

More than two hundred years ago, our nation's founders adopted the Bill of Rights to ensure the protection of individual liberties. Enshrined in our American Constitution are the rights to freedom of conscience, religion, expression and association, as well as the rights to due process and a fair trial. Our country was formed on the principle that the protection and promotion of individual rights is paramount for the establishment of a free and democratic society. This ideal was born from the experiences and hardships of our nation's founders and our ancestors.

In the aftermath of this century's holocaust and the devastation of world war, the United States lead the international effort toward

adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on December 10, 1948 -- a date we commemorate each year as Human Rights. For nearly 50 years, this document has served as the standard for internationally accepted behavior of states toward their citizens.

Throughout the world, people continue to look to the United States for leadership on human rights. This year, our work to promote peace in areas of conflict and to support human rights, democracy, the rule of law and accountability for abuses continued to make a difference throughout the world. Most recently, our efforts to foster a settlement to the terrible conflict and tragedy in Bosnia has resulted in an agreement that contains unambiguous protections for human rights and humanitarian principles.

In our efforts in Bosnia and throughout the world, we have paid special attention to the most vulnerable victims -- women and children. At the Fourth World Conference on Women in September, the First Lady underscored the U.S. commitment to defend the rights of women and families, and we have undertaken a range of initiatives to raise awareness of child exploitation, to oppose child labor and to assist child-victims of war.

We live in an exciting time of great advances for freedom and democracy in many countries, and, sadly, of continued suffering and hardship in others. As a country committed to promoting human rights and human dignity, let us work to ensure that people in all corners of the globe enjoy peace and respect for freedom and human rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim December 10, 1995, as "Human Rights Day," December 15, 1995, as "Bill of Rights Day," and the week beginning December 10, 1995 as "Human Rights Week." I call upon the people of the United States to observe these days and that week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifth day of December, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twentieth.

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FROM Wozniak, Natalie S.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release December 5, 1995

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY, BILL OF RIGHTS
DAY, AND
HUMAN RIGHTS WEEK, 1995

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

More than 200 years ago, America's founders adopted the Bill of Rights to ensure the protection of our individual liberties. Enshrined in our Constitution are the fundamental guarantees to freedom of conscience, religion, expression, and association, as well as the rights to due process and a fair trial. Our Nation was formed on the principle that the protection and promotion of these rights are essential to a free and democratic society.

Peoples throughout the world look to the United States for leadership on human rights. In the aftermath of the Holocaust and the devastation of two world wars, our country led the international effort toward adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. For the nearly 50 years since December 10, 1948, this document has served as the standard for internationally accepted behavior by nations toward their citizens.

This year, our work to promote peace in areas of conflict and to support human rights, democracy, and the rule of law have continued to make a difference around the globe. Most recently, our efforts to foster a settlement to the terrible conflict in Bosnia resulted in an agreement that contains clear protections for human rights and humanitarian principles.

In Bosnia, and throughout the world, we have paid special attention to the most vulnerable victims of abuse -- women and children. At the Fourth World Conference on Women in September of this year, the First Lady underscored our commitment to defending the rights of women and families, and we have undertaken a range of initiatives to raise awareness of child exploitation, to oppose child labor, and to assist young victims of war.

We live in an era of great advances for freedom and democracy. Yet, sadly, it also remains a time of ongoing suffering

and hardship in many countries. As a Nation long committed to promoting individual rights and human dignity, let us continue our efforts to ensure that people in all regions of the globe enjoy the same freedoms and basic human rights that have always made America great.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. CLINTON, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby

proclaim December 10, 1995, as Human Rights Day, December 15, 1995, as Bill of Rights Day, and December 10 through December 16, 1995, as Human Rights Week. I call upon the people of the United States to celebrate these observances with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that demonstrate our national commitment to the Constitution and the promotion of human rights for all people.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifth day of December, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twentieth.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

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