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March 1, 1999

The Honorable John Podesta
White House Chief of Staff
The White House
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cc:

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Dear Mr. Podesta:

As the negotiations continue on China's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO) and as the United States prepares for Premier Zhu Rongji's April visit, I want to reiterate my longstanding view that China must be admitted to the WTO only on commercially acceptable terms.

The Chinese market holds vast potential for American companies -- these opportunities are particularly great for the high technology industry. China's economic growth rates are expected to be quite high over the next fifteen years. The Chinese markets for high technology goods such as computers, semiconductors, and telecommunications are projected to experience growth rates of 20 percent to 40 percent per year over this period. As a result of this phenomenal growth, China is expected to become one of the world's largest markets for these and other products by early in the next century.

There are a number of restrictions in China, however, that limit the ability of American companies to take advantage of these tremendous opportunities. The WTO accession negotiations provide a vital opportunity to address these restrictions, and our government must press for an agreement with China that addresses the full range of market access and protocol issues that remain outstanding. Examples:

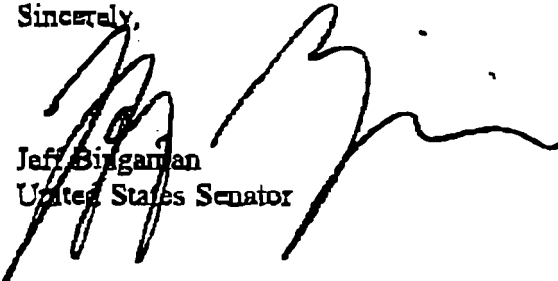
- China should increase transparency to ensure that China's laws and regulations are not used as a tool to adversely affect competition.
- China should eliminate investment restrictions and mandated technology transfers as a condition of market access.
- China should ensure that state-owned or invested enterprises make purchasing decisions on the basis of commercial considerations only.
- China should guarantee full trading and distribution rights to all companies.

- With regard to antidumping, China should agree to non-market economy provisions for sectors owned or controlled by the state.
- China should agree to lower its often-prohibitive tariffs, which continue to act as a barrier to market access.

It is critical that the United States and China resolve these issues prior to China's entry into the WTO. If China reaches this goal without making necessary trade and investment reforms, securing future improvements in the near term will likely be impossible. In many areas, China is not yet a viable competitor to America's advanced high technology industries, but this situation is changing rapidly as a result of the Chinese government's focus on developing domestic high technology manufacturing capabilities. As you know, America's high tech sector welcomes international competition, but that competition must be fair. Allowing China to join the WTO without securing necessary market reforms would put our most successful companies at a great disadvantage. It would also make any effort to grant China permanent NTR status very difficult to achieve in the Congress.

I thank you for your attention to these important matters.

Sincerely,


Jeff Bingaman
United States Senator

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cc: Ambassador Charlene Barshefsky
National Security Advisor Samuel R. Berger
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January 28, 1999

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Dear Andrew,

Sub.: Minister Zhang Zuoji's Visit to US

Minister Mr. Zhang Zuoji wishes to thank US Secretary of Labor Ms Alexis M. Herman for inviting him to visit the United States in late March 1999.

I would like to take the opportunity to inform you of the names of delegation members and also our ideas concerning the program for Minister Mr. Zhang Zuoji's official visit in the United States.

I. Delegation members are as follows:

1. Mr. Liu Yongfu Director General for General Affairs, MOLSS.
2. Mr. Li Donglin Director General for International Cooperation, MOLSS
3. Mr. Hu Xiaoyi Director General for Social Insurance Administration, MOLSS
4. Mr. You Jun Division Director of Department of General Affairs, MOLSS
5. Mr. Zhu Yukun Division Director of Department of International Cooperation

- As far as the program of the visit is concerned, Mr. Zhang and his entourage will arrive in Washington on 28th March, 1998. We suggest that the two-day official activities in Washington start from the following day, i.e. 29th March, Monday. Minister Mr. Zhang would like to focus on talks with US government officials about policy options on employment and social security, especially on ministerial meetings. Therefore, we regard it unnecessary to arrange press conference or

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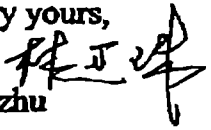
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separately hold meetings with representatives of Trade Unions, Employers' Organizations or the academics. In our previous communications, the matter of signing a MOU concerning bilateral exchanges and cooperation between our two organizations was also raised. It would be much helpful if you could send us your proposed draft. The delegation plans to leave Washington for Baltimore and visit Social Security Administration on 31st March. The delegation will leave Baltimore on the afternoon of 31st March. I would thus appreciate very much if you could help make a detailed official program for Minister Mr. Zhang and send it to us.

I would highly appreciate if you could convey the above message to your Department of Labor. And I am looking forward to receiving a response to our suggestions at your soonest convenience.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,


Lin Maizhu

Deputy Director General

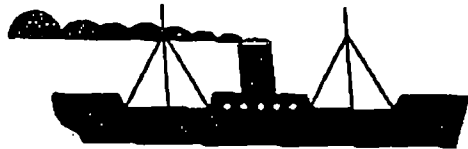
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For your review



Reply ASAP



Please comment

March 31, 1999

TO: Ken Lieberthal
Malcolm Lee

FR: David Marchick *DM*

Per our conversation, below is an e-mail we cleared with Susan and DOT, which includes:

- 1) The message we will be sending to our embassy tonight
- 2) A background paragraph for Ken's memo to the President
- 3) A talking point for the President to use.

Finally, if possible, I would suggest the following point for either the President, Sandy or Ken to use in statements to the press.

If the President mentions it in the press conference all he needs to say is " I encouraged negotiation of an expanded civil aviation agreement."

For you and/or Sandy, I would suggest:

The President stressed the importance of a new and expanded civil aviation agreement. U.S. and Chinese negotiators have been working on the issue for more than 18 months and have made progress. More flights and new carriers in the market would strengthen tourism, expand trade and generate hundreds of millions of dollars of economic activity in U.S. and Chinese communities.

Marchick, David M

From: Marchick, David M
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Message to Bill McCahill/Bob Ludan

Thank you for all your hard work on this issue. We have discussed the issue at length in a conference call with DOT, Susan and others and subsequently with Ken Lieberthal and Malcolm Lee. Our view is that we should strongly encourage the Chinese to agree to set dates for the next round of talks in April following the summit. We would have the President say to Zhu in some fashion (Ken suggests the expanded bilateral) that this is an important issue, that we have made progress, and that he hopes we can reach agreement at the next negotiating session. In addition, it might be possible to include this as part of a list of issues in the President's public statement of "issues he addressed with Premier Zhu". Finally, Secretary Albright would raise the issue in her discussions with Foreign Minister Tang. We do not, however, want to lock in on the one new designation and the 27 frequencies without locking in on an overall deal - hopefully one that addresses some of our other concerns. Going public now with the one and 27, in our view, would expose us to criticism without the offsetting benefit of having a solid agreement with implementation dates. Thus, the important issue is to get dates and to have this raised at the Summit. We would welcome Vice Minister Shen on: April 21-23 (I have UK on April 19-20) or during the week of April 26. We would like to move quickly not only to follow up on the summit but also to get new services up during the summer season, even if they are limited.

For POTUS

Background Para: Over the last 18 months, we have been working to expand U.S. aviation rights in China. Our existing agreement strictly limits the number of flights and the number of carriers in the market. Reaching a new expanded agreement is a high priority for a number of U.S. passenger and cargo carriers and would further our goals of expanding trade and tourism. China has only recently begun to show progress on certain of our core concerns, particularly allowing new carriers in the market. Last week they gave us a proposal which may set the stage for an agreement. Negotiations are set for _____. You should mention the importance of the issue and your desire for us to reach an agreement.

TALKING POINT

Our negotiators have made progress toward a new civil aviation agreement. With additional work, we can reach an agreement that will support our growing economic relationship, and which will show the Congress, industry and American people the benefits of that relationship.

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