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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT RUBIN *RR 4/8/14*
SUBJECT: China MFN Decision - Political Context

By *KDE* NARA, Date *10/13/16*
2014-1037-F

This memorandum provides a brief, separate note about the politics of the upcoming China MFN the decision, primarily to reinforce what you already know: that the politics of this decision has many dimensions (e.g., Congressional, public, media, short-term, long-term).

As you know, any MFN decision you make that falls short of full revocation would be subject to a privileged resolution of disapproval. This resolution must, however, call for full revocation of MFN and therefore would encounter substantial resistance. Critics could also introduce legislation imposing sanctions short of full revocation (e.g., revoke MFN for products from state enterprises), but this would not be privileged and would face the same hurdles of normal legislation (e.g., Committee passage, Senate filibuster). We are now attempting to assess the situation in Congress and will provide you with this at our next meeting.

However, any readout from Congress will be murky. The views in Congress are mixed; and there are at least three camps on this issue - those representing human rights, foreign policy and economic perspectives. Vote counts may be conflicting and, of course, the vote could shift, depending on which way you lead.

As you know, there are a spectrum of views on this issue in Congress. As you consider sanctions options, one question to ask is whether moving more to the middle of the spectrum risks losing potential supporters on either end.

Finally, it is important to underscore that immediate Congressional politics is only part of the political side of this equation. Longer-term political effects should also be considered (e.g., retaliation against U.S. exports in the wake of sanctions, charges that this Administration alienated and "lost" China if sanctions are imposed, charges that China and other nations do not take us seriously if sanctions are not imposed.) This memorandum does not intend to answer those questions but only to flag that the political ramifications resulting six months and years from now must also be considered - along with the ramifications at the time of your decision.

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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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