

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

916

Date: Monday, August 4, 1969

Time: 12:00 P.M.

FOR ACTION: DR. H. KISSINGER

cc (for information):

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Friday, August 8, 1969

Time: 2:00 P.M.

SUBJECT:

Director Shakespeare's memorandum for the President
regarding the Nixon Library situation in Hong Kong.

ACTION REQUESTED:

☐ For Necessary Action☐ For Your Recommendations☐ Prepare Agenda and Brief☐ Draft Reply☒ For Your Comments☐ Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Please review the attached and submit your comments
by return memorandum.

PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a
delay in submitting the required material, please
telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

JRN
K. R. COLE, JR.
For the President

No action
necessary per
J. Aldridge,
NSC Staff.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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J. Keogh	Remarks for arrival ceremony for Chancellor Kiesinger, August 7. (Log No. 907).	August 6
J. Keogh	Remarks for State Dinner for Chancellor Kiesinger, August 7. (Log No. 908).	August 6
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DOMESTIC

P. McCracken	President's request that you meet with Sec. Shultz and Dr. Burns and submit your recommendations for Administration action. (Log No. 921).	August 8
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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P. McCracken President's request for comments on August 7
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allegation that the U. S. could have
a recession and inflation at the
same time. (Log No. 918).

INTERNATIONAL

H. Kissinger Dir. Shakespeare's memo for the August 8
President regarding the Nixon Library
situation in Hong Kong. (Log No.
916).

Brown let me see

attached

John - I don't think Kissinger needs to be bothered with this. Why don't you call him off & send this on through to him.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 15, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. H. R. HALDEMAN

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *Allen*

SUBJECT: ATTACHED - NIXON LIBRARY IN HONG KONG

Bob --

From the attached, which is barely intelligible, it looks as if there is some sort of dispute brewing over in Hong Kong. Are you aware of this matter? Should we not be watching it, and not leave the matter entirely to foreign service types? Would you prefer to have me get the details, especially since it might involve something more complex?

Would appreciate guidance.

Attachment
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By *KMB* Date *2-26-98*

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July 9, 1969

NOTE FOR
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I suggest that anybody
proposing to be in touch
with Mr. Liu make contact
with me.

Lindsey Grant
NSC Staff
Ext. 3044

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Info from Bill Hopkins

Ltr. was sent to Rose Woods on 5-12 from
Snowpine Liu to the President dated 5-6
re Intl. Foundation - President agreed to
contribute \$100 thous to Library; photos ~~and~~ with
signatures and books which Mr. Shakespeare
promised have not been received.

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PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN

July 7, 1969

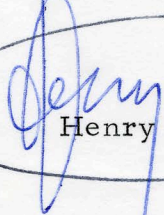
Dear Rose,

I know that you have received a communication from Snowpine Liu, and I am sure that you recall that since 1954 he has almost single-handedly maintained the Nixon Library in Hong Kong.

I have forwarded letters to Herb Klein and Frank Shakespeare, believing that this is a matter that is newsworthy.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


Henry Kearns

File

Miss Rose Mary Woods
Personal Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

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July 31, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

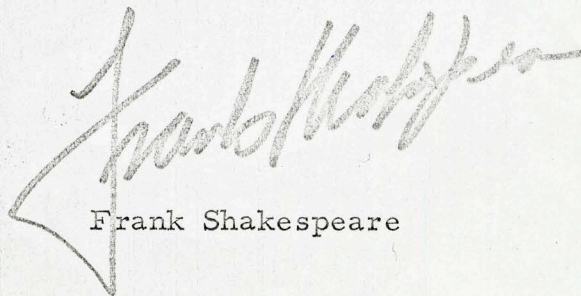
SUBJECT : Nixon Library in Hong Kong

In May we agreed to support a local, ad hoc library committee's plan to transfer the Nixon Library collection into the new Yuen Long Hall building. The move is slated for October when the new Town Hall building (see attached photo) is to be finished. USIA will give books and periodicals, as well as \$15,000 for furnishings and equipment.

There will be a simple bronze tablet in English and Chinese placed in the Nixon Library at its new quarters, carrying these words: (if you have no objection)

"This library bears the name of Richard M. Nixon, 37th President of the United States of America, to commemorate his interest in the cultural well-being of the people of the Yuen Long District. It was opened on the ____ day of ____, 1969, and is the direct successor to a library first founded in Yuen Long with his assistance in 1955."

Mr. Snowpine Liu has now peacefully stopped pushing his own alternative plan.



Frank Shakespeare

Attachment: Photo



DIRECTOR

UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY
WASHINGTON

July 31, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable
 H. R. Haldeman
 The White House

I don't know the extent of the President's real interest in the Nixon Library situation in Hong Kong. We discussed it sometime ago when the question was at issue as to whether a separate Nixon Library should be maintained or whether it should be incorporated into a new town hall building being constructed. I frankly think the President just wanted it handled and didn't want to be bothered.

The matter is now resolved in a manner I believe satisfactory...the Nixon Library will be in the new town hall building. I leave it to your judgment whether the President should be informed and have attached a memorandum for possible use.

Frank Shakespeare

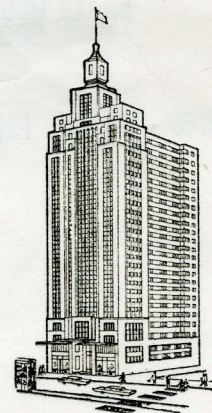
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廖創興銀行有限公司
Liu Chong Hing Bank, Ltd.

TELEPHONE
229011

CABLE ADDRESS:
"LIUCHBANK"

(INC. IN HONG KONG)
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24, DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL
P. O. Box 2535
HONG KONG



20th June 1969.

President Richard M. Nixon,
White House
Washington, D.C.
U. S. A.

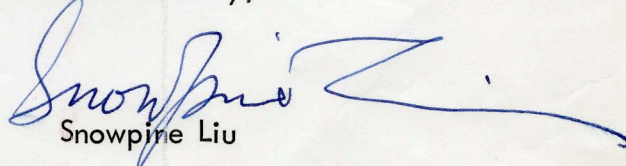
Dear President Nixon:

I am pleased to tell you that the Nixon Library has already been registered officially with the Hong Kong Government. A plan for the new Nixon Library building drawn by a well established Architect is now ready. I am scheduled to come to see you again on June 29th via PAA and will show you the particulars in person as soon as I arrive on July 4th. (I will stay in San Francisco for 3 days)

As advised previously, the new Nixon Library building will be situated at the heart of Yuen Long, adjacent to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, a place convenient to all people in the town. It is a 6-storeyed building. The first and ground floors will be wholly occupied by the library and the others will be leased as office premises to cover the library's operation expenses. We decline to accept the suggestion to move to the City Hall partly because we wish the library to be operated independently as it has been during the past 15 years and partly because the City Hall is far away from the centre of the town. Since I have been ensured by the President of the International Foundation that they would contribute \$100,000.00 to the library, I trust you will agree that it would be best to build our own permanent premises.

I am looking forward to seeing you again soon.

Yours sincerely,


Snowpine Liu

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 27, 1969

Ken Cole:

Please advise Kissinger's response
to your memo of March 28 with
regard to the Hong Kong Library
and Snowpine Liu.

Thanks.

Russ

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attached

Previous letter from Snowpine Liu dated 5/6
was sent to Miss Woods on 5/12 with
file attached.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 15, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR LINDSEY GRANT - Rm

FROM: Richard M. Moose Rmm 365 EOB

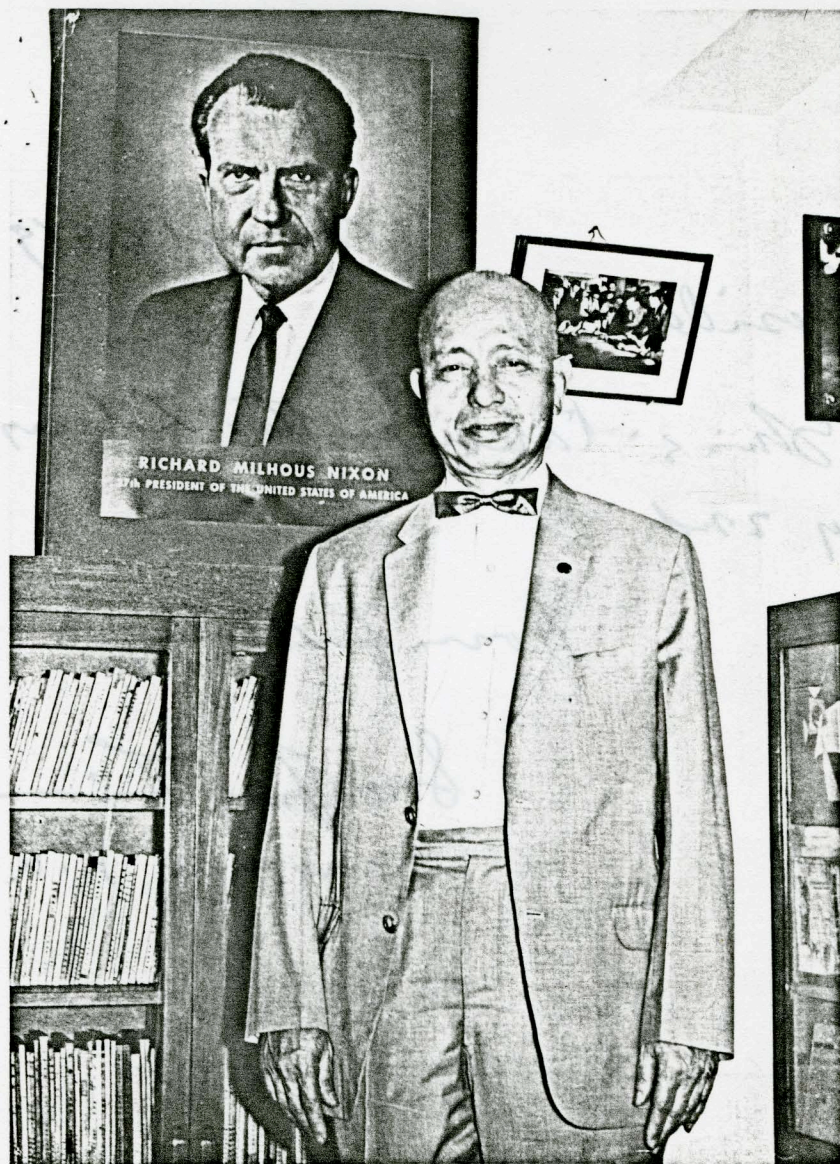
SUBJECT: Nixon Library in Hong Kong

As you will note from the attached, the President has acted on your memorandum concerning the Nixon Library in Hong Kong. You should take the appropriate actions with USIA and then inform me of the actions.

Notified USIA. (Fitzhugh Green).

They have passed instructions to
USIS HONG KONG, and are
sending a letter in reply to
Snoopyine Liu's letter to the
President. 16 5/16.

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B. N.

May 13, 1969

Dear President,

This is taken in the Library
in May 2nd.

Yours faithfully,

Snowpine Lin

Snowpine Lin



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USIA FOR DIRECTOR & GREEN/IAF

STATE FOR KREISBERG EA/ACA

SUBJECT: NIXON LIBRARY

1. SUMMARY: USING LEVERAGE OF HIS ALLEGED US\$100,000 COMMITMENT FROM CHINA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION, MR. SNOWPINE LIU HAS MANAGED TO ARRANGE REORGANIZATION OF NIXON LIBRARY COMMITTEE, NEW COMMITTEE, WHILE RETAINING TANG KING-SUN AS CHAIRMAN, HAS LIU AS FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN AND NOW INCLUDES FOUR NON-YUEN LONG RESIDENTS. THESE FOUR ADDITION ALL APPEAR TO BE PEOPLE WITH CLOSE TIES TO KMT PROPAGANDA APPARATUS IN HONG KONG. WE ARE VERY CONCERNED AT THIS DEVELOPMENT SINCE ANY USE NIXON LIBRARY FOR KMT PROPAGANDA PURPOSES WOULD LEAD TO PROBLEMS WITH HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND COULD PROVE EMBARRASSING TO U. S. WE HAVE INFORMED HKG OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS. WE ALSO TO INSTALL NIXON LIBRARY IN YUEN LONG TOWN HALL. IN THIS CONNECTION, YUEN LONG AUTHORITIES HAVE INFORMED US THAT REPLY MUST BE RECEIVED BY NO LATER THAN JUNE 15 IF NIXON LIBRARY IS TO BE PART OF TOWN HALL.

2. CAO WAS INVITED OBSERVER AT NIXON LIBRARY COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION MEETING HELD YUEN LONG MAY 2. MEETING CONVENED AT REQUEST SNOWPINE LIU APPARTNELY AS RESULT

* HRA -
 KMT = Kuomintang
 ruling party of
 Chiang Kai-shek
 in Taiwan

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OF SOME WEEKS OF MANEUVERING ON HIS PART. FOR BACKGROUND ON LIU AND HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH NIXON LIBRARY COMMITTEE, SEE USIS HONG KONG OM OF DECEMBER 30, 1968. LIU'S INTENTIONS, AS COMMUNICATED TO CAO, WERE TO "BROADEN BASE" OF NIXON LIBRARY BY INCLUDING NON-YUEN LONG PEOPLE. HE HAD ALSO ATTEMPTED TO ARRANGE FOR ELECTION OF GENERAL MANAGER OF BANK WHICH EMPLOY HIM (LUK CHONG HING BANK) AS CHAIRMAN OF NEW COMMITTEE, REPLACING YUEN LONG LANDOWNER TANG KING-SUN WHO HAS BEEN CHAIRMAN SINCE ESTABLISHMENT OF NIXON LIBRARY, BUT COULD NOT LINE UP ENOUGH VOTES.

3. MEETING BEGAN WITH LIU EXPLAINING THAT SINCE HE HAD COMMITMENT FROM CHINA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR US-\$100,000 TO PUT UP NEW NIXON LIBRARY COMMITTEE AND ESTABLISH NEW ONE WHICH WOULD OWN BUILDING AND RUN LIBRARY. THOSE AT MEETING (IN ADDITION TO LUE AND CAO) WERE MEMBERS OF FORMER NIXON LIBRARY COMMITTEE PLUS FOUR OTHER BROUGHT BY LIU. ALL THOSE PRESENT (EXCEPT CAO) WERE SPEEDILY CONFIRMED AS MEMBERSHIP OF NEW NIXON LIBRARY COMMITTEE BY THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL ASSENT, THERE WAS NO VOTING ON THIS, NOR ANY FORMAL CO-OPTION BY MEMBERS OF FORMER COMMITTEE. NEW COMMITTEE THEN CHOSE ITS OFFICERS WITH TANG KING-SUN CONFIRMED IN HIS FORMER POSITION AS CHAIRMAN, AND WITH LIU ADDED AS FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN. THIS IS CONSIDERABLE RISE IN LIU'S STATUS, SINCE HE WAS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL "ADVISORS" TO FORMER COMMITTEE AND NOT A MEMBER AT ALL.

4. THE FOUR PEOPLE BROUGHT TO COMMITTEE MEETING BY LIU AND INSTALLED ON NEW COMMITTEE ARE: (1) PU CHAO-FU, PUBLISHER OF KMT-SUBSIDIZED MAGAZINE NEWSOM (HSIN-WEN T' IEN-TI), WITH CLOSE KMT CONNECTIONS GOING BACK 30 YEARS (FYI: CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO US CHOW SHU-KAI RECENTLY ATTEMPTED PERSUADE DEPT TO AWARD EXCHANGE VISITOR GRANT TO PU AS DISTINGUISHED ASIAN JOURNALIST; SE PARTICULARLY OF FELDMAN TO ESTERLINE OFFICIAL-INFORMAL LETTER OF JAN 3, 1969); (2) AND (3) MR. AND MRS. CHOU CHING-WEN, DIRECTOR OF KMT-SUBSIDIZED CONTINENTAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND PUBLISHER OF KMT ANTI-COMMUNIST BOOKS IN HONG KONG; AND (4) MISS SOPHIA CH'EN (FULL CHINESE NAME UNKNOWN), WHO STATES SHE FULL-TIME HONG KONG CORRESPONDENT

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FOR TAIWAN NEWSPAPER TAIWAN JIH PAO. MISS CH'EN
APPARENTLY RECENT ARRIVAL HERE AND DOES NOT SPEAK CANTONESE.

5. ENTRY OF THESE FOUR, PLUS LIU'S ASSUMPTION OF VICE-
CHAIRMANSHIP CHANGES COMPLEXION OF WHAT HAD FORMERLY
BEEN AN ENTIRELY LOCAL, YUEN LONG ORGANIZATION INTO
SOMETHING QUITE DIFFERENT. IT MUST BE EMPHASIZED THAT
CHANGE BROUGHT ABOUT ONLY BECAUSE LIU HAD TAKEN THE LINE
IT WAS REQUIRED UNDER THE TERMS OF HIS "COMMITMENT"
FROM CHINA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION. CHANGE WAS
COMMENTED UPON UNFAVORABLY BY ONE YUEN LONG COMMITTEE
MEMBER IN CAO'S HEARING.

✓ 6. WE ARE MORE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED, HOWEVER, BY INTRUSION
OF PROFESSIONAL KMT REPRESENTATIVES INTO WHAT HAD FORMERLY
BEEN COMPLETELY A POLITICAL CULTURAL ORGANIZATION. ANY
ATTEMPT TO UTILIZE NIXON LIBRARY AS CENTER FOR KMT
ACTIVITIES WOULD LEAD INEVITABLY TO CONFLICT WITH HONG
KONG GOVERNMENT, RESULTS OF WHICH WOULD DO TAIWAN NO
GOOD AND CAUSE US VERY CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT. FACT
THAT THESE ACTIVITIES TOOK PLACE IN A LIBRARY NAMED
FOR U. S. PRESIDENT WOULD INEVITABLY INVOLVE US
DESPITE PRIVATE CHARACTER OF LIBRARY, PARTICULARLY SINCE
CONGEN HAS ALREADY BEEN DRAWN IN WITH HKG POLAD IN MATTERS
RELATING TO LIBRARY.

7. AT SAME MEETING, AMENDED PLANS FOR NEW NIXON LIBRARY
TO BE BUILT WITH CINA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION GRANT
WERE PASSED AROUND. THESE PLANS STILL CALL FOR
SIX-STORY BUILDING WITH FIRST FLOOR UTILIZING 1000
SQUARE FEET AS PLAY AREA, SECOND FLOOR UTILIZING 1150
SQUARE FEET AS NIXON LIBRARY, THIRD FLOOR UTILIZING 1000
SQUARE FEET AS "EXHIBIT AREA", AND BALANCE OF BUILDING
AS COMMERCIAL OFFICE SPACE. ACTUAL CONSIDERATION OF
LIBRARY INTERIOR DESIGN STILL NOT UNDERTAKEN. THAT SIX-
STORY BUILDING WILL CONTAIN TOTAL OF 2150 SQUARE FEET FOR
LIBRARY AND PLAY AREA APPEARS TO US TO AMPLY INDICATE
ILLIGICALITY OF THIS PROPOSAL WHEN VIEWED FROM INTERESTES
OF NIXON LIBRARY AS AN INSTITUTION.

8. THESE LATES DEVELOPMENTS REINFORCE OUR BELIEF
THAT NIXON LIBRARY SHOULD BE INSTALLED IN YUEN LONG TOWN

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HALL AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED. LIBRARY WOULD THEN BE RUN BY YUEN LONG TOWN HALL COMMITTEE, A PURELY LOCAL AND NON-POLITICAL BODY REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT. YUEN LONG AUTHORITIES HAVE INFORMED US THAT TOWN HALL CONSTRUCTION IS RUNNING AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, WITH COMPLETION EXPECT EARLY OCTOBER. THEY STATE THEY MUST RECEIVE REPLY BY JUNE 15 IF NIXON LIBRARY IS TO BE IN TOWN HALL. WE STRONGLY URGE AFFIRMATIVE REPLY SOONEST.

✓ 9. WE HAVE TAKEN STEP OF DISCUSSING THESE DEVELOPMENTS WITH HKG AS WE BELIEVE IT NECESSARY TO CLEARLY ESTABLISH THAT INCLUSION OF OUTSIDE KMT MEMBERS IN NIXON LIBRARY COMMITTEE WAS NOT UNDERTAKEN WITH ANY COOPERATION OR BLESSING ON OUR PART. HKG IS CONSIDERING WHAT STEPS IT WILL TAKE WHICH, ACCORDING TO DISTRICT OFFICER AT YUEN LONG, MAY INCLUDE REFUSAL TO GRANT NECESSARY REGISTRATION TO NEW LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

10. MARLOWE HAS DISCUSSED FOREGOING WITH OLEKSIW AT MANILA.

GP-4. BRADSHAW

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *H*

SUBJECT: Nixon Library in Yuen Long, Hong Kong

Mr. Shakespeare has requested your guidance concerning arrangements to be made for the transfer of the Nixon Library, with which Mr. Snow-pine Liu has been associated. (Tab A)

A photograph of the present library is at Tab B. It has recently been temporarily refurbished through a donation of \$1,450 from USIS, but it is less than an ideal reading room as a monument to the President of the United States.

Mr. Liu wishes to construct a large building which would house the library as well as commercial offices. He is said to think that he has an offer of a \$100,000 loan from Magnus Gregerson and the China International Fund to construct such a library. USIA understands from Mr. Gregerson, however, that no such commitment has been given.

USIA and State believe that Mr. Liu's project is unsound for the following reasons:

-- It would create a very visible target for anti-American demonstrations in a volatile and sensitive community.

-- The commercial and library aspects of the venture have not been sorted out; there is no provision for the operation of the building by a non-profit foundation; there is little serious planning for the library; and there is a danger that the project will have an air of commercialism.

USIA and State would prefer to encourage Mr. Liu to move the library into a Town Hall for Yuen Long which is to open in 1970 (sketch at Tab C). The library would occupy two rooms and would be marked with a plaque commemorating your 1953 visit. The cost of this project would be \$15,000, which would be drawn from USIS funds. Necessary Hong Kong Government concurrences have been obtained.

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The choices confronting us are as follows:

Option A -- Leave the library in its present rather cramped and unpretentious quarters, with USIS cooperating in its operation and supplying books and materials to it.

Option B -- Commit \$15,000 of USIS funds to the removal of the library to a special section of the new Town Hall, if its sponsors will agree to do so.

Option C -- Assist Mr. Liu in the project for construction of a large commercial building with space for the library. This would be done at no cost to the US Government, but it would probably be necessary to inform Mr. Gregerson and others that the USG endorses the project, in order to help Mr. Liu secure funds. If this option is selected, USIS would work with the sponsors to minimize its disadvantages.

We could choose to take no position concerning the library, which would probably effectively result in Option A, since it appears unlikely that Mr. Liu can raise \$100,000 for his project without an authoritative indication of your support.

I am inclined to concur with USIA and the Department of State and endorse Option B, though I think that it would be less than catastrophic if the library were to remain in its present location (Option A).

The library is not ours, and it will be up to Mr. Liu and his associates as to whether to accept our advice, in any case. It would simplify our negotiations with Mr. Liu if we could inform him of your wishes. It would also permit USIA to give a meaningful answer to a letter from Mr. Liu to you which was referred to USIA for answer.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That you state your preferences among possible dispositions of the library:

Keep in place (Option A) _____
Remove to Town Hall (Option B) ✓ _____
House in privately-sponsored building (Option C) _____

That you authorize USIA to inform Mr. Liu and other interested persons of the preference which you have expressed:

Approve ✓ _____ Disapprove _____

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ACTION

April 17, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

FROM: Richard Sneider *MS*

SUBJECT: Recommendation Concerning Nixon Library in Hong Kong

Snowpine Liu met the President on the latter's tour of Hong Kong in 1953, and has since been involved in the operation of a small "Nixon Library" in the suburb of Yuen Long. The President invited him to the inauguration, and apparently saw him briefly at that time.

Mr. Liu is anxious to build a large building with funds which he believes he can get from the US China International Fund, and to use part of it for the Library. Our Consulate General and USIS believe that the Library should be housed in a new Town Hall, at an expense of some \$15,000 to the US Government. We need the President's answers to several questions before we can decide how to handle the matter with Mr. Liu. Mr. Shakespeare has raised some of these questions in the attached memorandum to the President, and has spoken to him about the matter. (Tab B)

The questions posed go considerably beyond those in the memorandum. We have endeavored to cover them in the memorandum to the President at Tab A.

While Mr. Shakespeare's original memorandum apparently did not have Department of State clearance, conversations with USIA and the Department have satisfied us that the judgments made and questions raised in the memorandum at Tab A are in accord with both agencies' thinking.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab A.

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By *KMB* Date *2-26-98*

April 8, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: I - Mr. Shakespeare
FROM: IAF - Dan Oleksiw *per S. J. [unclear]*
SUBJECT: Nixon Library, Hong Kong

BACKGROUND: Snowpine Liu is telling people in Hong Kong that the President (and/or Gregersen at the President's request) has promised a large grant (\$100,000) to build a new Nixon Library in Hong Kong. We believe that--unless this is true--it would be best for us to clarify things for Snowpine Liu and decide with him upon more modest, USIS support for his very useful undertaking, within the context of a plan to move his present small collection into the new Town Hall.

We need to know answers to the following questions:

1) Has the President made any commitment to Snowpine Liu regarding U.S. Government or private American financial assistance to the present library or to a proposed new library? *No*

2) Has the President asked Mr. M.I. Gregersen (President of the China International Foundation, Englewood, N.J.) or anyone else to consider whether the Foundation or somebody else should or could make a sizeable (\$100,000 or so) grant to the Nixon Library? *No*

3) If the answer to both of the above questions is no, would the President agree that we proceed along the lines USIA and the Hong Kong Mission (both USIS and the Consulate-General in Hong Kong) recommend: that we continue assistance at the present routine level, but when the new Town Hall in the Yuen Long area is finished a year or so from now the present Nixon Library collection be incorporated in a new municipal library already planned for the Town Hall? The Hong Kong Government has granted provisional advance clearance for such an arrangement, and the identity of the present Nixon Library collection would be continued by the placement of an appropriate plaque or other marker within the larger library, pointing out the President's early connection with the effort, etc.

4) If the President's answer to Questions 1 or 2 above is yes, or if the President wishes to encourage major assistance to the proposed new Snowpine Liu Library (as opposed to the Town Hall Library which is already under construction), Fitz Green or I should meet with Gregersen immediately to assist him in any way we can. Therefore, is it agreeable that USIA and USIS/Hong Kong act on behalf of the President in further contacts and negotiations with Gregersen and Snowpine Liu?



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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON 20547

March 19, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: "Nixon Library" in Hong Kong

Because of your interest and aid after your visit to Hong Kong in 1953, Mr. Snowpine Liu helped establish a neighborhood reading room in the Yuen Long district of the New Territories. Mr. Liu now wants to improve and expand the facility.

He recently asked USIA to build or finance new and much more elaborate quarters for the present reading room, named the "Nixon Library" when it opened in 1956.

USIA would prefer the following alternative: Move the book collection of the present reading room into the library of the new Yuen Long Town Hall scheduled to open in 1970. The "Nixon Library" collection would then (1) be set up in a separate room or rooms, (2) continue to receive books and periodicals from USIS, and (3) be identified by a plaque at the entrance to show your continued interest in this library. Our Consul General has informal clearance from the Hong Kong Government if we wish to proceed in this manner. The cost estimate for the shift, including decoration, furnishing and air conditioning, is \$15,000.

We and the State Department believe that this joining with the new Town Hall Library would be more effective than official U.S. sponsorship of a new library, which could be misinterpreted as duplicating or competing with existing facilities. Also, we would avoid providing a high visibility target five miles from the Chinese mainland for Leftist elements in volatile Hong Kong.

Meanwhile, we have just given \$1,450 to the present Nixon Library in Yuen Long for a temporary face-lifting, new painting, furniture, shelves, etc.

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By KMD Date 2-26-98

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In short, we suggest that our staff in Hong Kong go ahead and arrange with Snowpine Liu and the other sponsors to transfer the "Nixon Library" to the Town Hall Library.

However, Snowpine Liu indicates that you disapprove the USIA alternative and have approved instead Mr. Liu's plan, per attached telegram from USIS Hong Kong.

Please advise your wishes in this matter.

Frank Shakespeare

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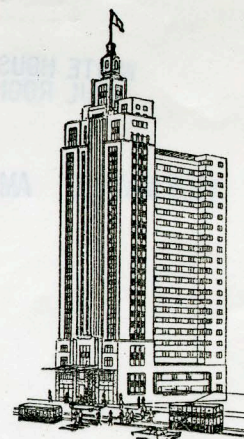
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Personal

May 6, 1969

President Richard M. Nixon
White House
Washington, D.C.
U.S.A.

Dear President Nixon,

I am glad to tell you that in a meeting held at the Library on last Friday, May 2 at 3.30 p.m., a Committee for the extension of the Library has been elected with Mr. K. S. Tang as Chairman, I am Vice Chairman and Mr. Stephen Tsang as Secretary. Other members include Mr. Harvey Feldman of the United States Information Service, representative of Hong Kong Government District Officer, authors and prominent citizens. The Library is being registered with the Registrar General's Department, and a well known architect has been employed to prepare the plan of a new six-storey library building to be erected at the heart of Yuen Long next to the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank. As you know, the President of the International Foundation has agreed to contribute US\$100,000 to the Library. As soon as every thing is ready, I will come to see you again and show the project to you as well as the International Foundation for approval.

The completion of the new library will provide better facilities not only for the children but also for the adults, and your name will always be in their memory as the President of the U. S. A. and the leader of the free world.

Your photos with signature and the books which Mr. Sheakspeare promised to send to the Library have not been received. I shall be grateful if you will ask Miss Wood to push the matter.

With my warmest regards to Mrs. Nixon and your two loving daughters.

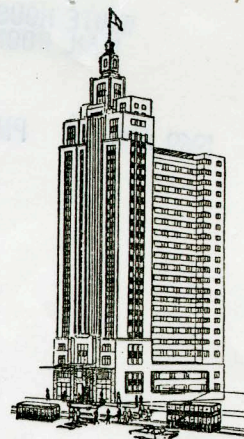
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Personal

April 1, 1969

Condolence

President Richard M. Nixon
White House
Washington, D.C.
U. S. A.

Dear President Nixon:

Yesterday afternoon, I attended the Memorial services for the late General Dwight Eisenhower held at the St. John's Cathedral. The eulogy was read by the Consul General, Mr. Martin who finally repeated your words by saying that General Eisenhower was a great leader, a great soldier and a great friend. Like other people of all nations in the world, I pay my highest respect to the late General.

I am pleased to tell you that the Library has now been redecorated. A plan for the new Library Building is being drawn, and I will submit it for your approval very shortly.

With kindest regards.

Yours very truly,

Snowpine Liu
Snowpine Liu



Order of
Memorial Service
for
the late

DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER,
Thirty-Fourth President of the United States of America

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
HONG KONG

31st MARCH, 1969

at 4.30 p.m.

HYMN

O God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Our shelter from the stormy blast,
 And our eternal home;
 Beneath the shadow of thy throne
 Thy saints have dwelt secure;
 Sufficient is thine arm alone,
 And our defence is sure.
 Before the hills in order stood,
 Or earth received her frame,
 From everlasting thou art God,
 To endless years the same.
 A thousand ages in thy sight
 Are like an evening gone;
 Short as the watch that ends the night
 Before the rising sun.
 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 Bears all its sons away;
 They fly forgotten, as a dream
 Dies at the opening day.
 O God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Be thou our guard while troubles last,
 And our eternal home.

During the singing of the hymn the Choir and Clergy will enter from the West Door, followed by the Flag of the United States of America, with escort. At the end of the hymn, the Flag will be held aloft at the Altar Rail, and then will be sung:—

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Oh, say! can you see by the dawn's early light,
 What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
 Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
 O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
 And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
 Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
 Oh say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

The Flag will then be taken by the Bishop and laid on the Altar. The Escort will turn about and return to the West Door.

THE SENTENCES

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. (ST. JOHN 11. 25, 26)

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (ROMANS 8. 38, 39)

Whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died and rose and revived, that he might be Lord, both of the dead and living. (ROMANS 14. 8, 9)

Dean: Let us pray.

Then shall be kept a SILENCE, all kneeling.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dean: O God make speed to save us

Answer: O Lord make haste to help us

Then all standing

Dean: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost

Answer: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Dean: Praise ye the Lord

Answer: The Lord's name be praised

Then shall be said responsively:

PSALM 112

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord: he hath great delight in his commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.

Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness: he is merciful, loving, and righteous.

A good man is merciful, and lendeth: and will guide his words with discretion.

For he shall never be moved: and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

He will not be afraid of any evil tidings: for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord.

His heart is established, and will not shrink: until he see his desire upon his enemies.

He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor: and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him: he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away; the desire of the ungodly shall perish.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son; and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Then shall Captain Frederick S. Gore, U.S. Navy read the LESSON:—
 THE TWENTY FIRST CHAPTER OF THE BOOK OF THE REVELATION OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, VERSES 1 TO 7.

HYMN

Who would true valour see,

Let him come hither;

One here will constant be,

Come wind, come weather;

There's no discouragement

Shall make him once relent

His first avowed intent

To be a pilgrim.

Whoso beset him round
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound;
His strength the more is.
No lion can him fright;
He'll with a giant fight,
But he will have the right
To be a pilgrim.

No goblin nor foul fiend
Can daunt his spirit;
He knows he at the end
Shall life inherit.
Then, fancies, fly away;
He'll not fear what men say;
He'll labour night and day
To be a pilgrim.

THE ADDRESS

by the Hon. Edwin W. Martin, American Consul General.

THE PRAYERS

Revd. Frank H. Knight, Protestant Chaplain, U.S. Servicemen's Guides.

HYMN

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung:
Alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
And Jesus has his foes dispersed;
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
Alleluia!

On the third morn he rose again
Glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain:
Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
From death's dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live, and sing to thee:
Alleluia!

THE BLESSING

After the Blessing the Escort will return to the Altar Rail and receive the Flag. The Escort will then turn about and return to the West Door, followed by the Choir and Clergy.

(The Congregation is asked to remain in their places until H. E. The Governor and Mr. E. W. Martin have left the Cathedral).

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By BNB Date 2-26-98

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FOR IAF/OLWKSTW

SUBJ: NIXON LIBRARY

ESSENTIAL POINTS MY OFFICIAL-INFORMAL TO YOU DTD MAR 28 ARE:

1. LIU HAS INFORMED THOSE CONCERNED WITH NIXON LIBRARY (NL) YUEN LONG HE HAS RECEIVED COMMITMENT FROM GREGERSON AND CHINA INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR US\$100,000 TO BUILD COMBINED LIBRARY AND OFFICE BUILDING ON LAND TO BE DONATED BY TANG KING-SUN.
2. ON STRENGTH THIS "COMMITMENT," TANG HAS HAD PLANS DRAWN UP FOR SIX-STORY BUILDING, MORE THAN FIVE FLOORS OF WHICH WILL BE STORE AND OFFICE SPACE, WITH ONE-THIRD FLOOR RECREATION AREA AND ONE-THIRD FLOOR NL. TOTAL LIBRARY AREA ABOUT 12,000 SQUARE FEET. PLANS, WHICH WE HAVE SEEN, CANNOT BE CONSIDERED A COMPLETE OR RATIONAL DESIGN, AND SPECIFICALLY NO THOUGHT GIVEN ACTUAL LIBRARY DESIGN. SIMILARLY, NO THOUGHT GIVEN NEED TO ESTABLISH FOUNDATION OR OTHER NON-PROFIT LEGAL BODY TO OWN BUILDING, COLLECT RENTS, USE PROCEEDS FOR MAINTENANCE THIS SMALL LIBRARY.

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3. WE UNDERSTAND GREGERSON STATES HE HAS GIVEN NO COMMITMENT, BUT HAS SIMPLY SAID CHINA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION WILLING RECEIVE PROPOSAL. WE ARE VERY CONCERNED FOLLOWING SCENARIO: FOUNDATION TURNS DOWN PROPOSAL, LIU AND TANG FEEL PROMISE HAS BEEN WELSHED UPON, NO NEW NL COMES INTO EXISTENCE EITHER IN TOWN HALL OR ANYWHERE ELSE, PEOPLE IN YUEN LONG DISAPPOINTED AND DISGRUNTLED, AND PUBLICITY HIGHLY UNFAVORABLE.

4. BELIEVE THIS MATTER MUST BE BROUGHT WHITE HOUSE FOR EARLY AND URGENT DECISION. AS WE SEE THEM, FOLLOWING ARE ONLY POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES:

A. DECISION IS MADE THAT NL SHOULD BE BUILT ON TANG'S LAND UNDER FOUNDATION GRANT. TO IMPLEMENT EFFECTIVELY, THERE SHOULD BE DEGREE OF OFFICIAL US INVOLVEMENT IN FORM OF ADVICE ON RATIONAL LIBRARY DESIGN. TANG AND LIU SHOULD BE INFORMED A CONDITION OF THE GRANT WILL BE ESTABLISHMENT APPROPRIATE LEGAL ENTITY ADMINISTER BUILDING AND NL. IF THIS DECISION MADE, RECOM CHINA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION DETAIL STAFFER COME TO HONG KONG DISCUSSIONS WITH TANG-LIU, US AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

B. DECISION MADE RETURN TO OUR ORIGINAL PROPOSAL (OM DEC 30 AND TELEGRAM 837) AND ACCEPT OFFER OF YUEN LONG TOWN COUNCIL INSTALL NL IN YUEN LONG TOWN HALL. THIS STILL SEEMS BEST ALTERNATIVE TO US. YUEN LONG TOWN COUNCIL WOULD RUN LIBRARY; TOWN HALL BUILDING IS ATTRACTIVE AND COMPLETE IN DESIGN AND

* Actually used design

WILL BE LOCATED ON HEART YUEN LONG EDUCATIONAL AREA. SPACE FOR
NL IN TOWN HALL IS TWICE THAT IN LIU-TANG'S DESIGN. THIS
ALTERNATIVE WOULD ALSO BE FREE F ANY TAINT OF COMMERCIALISM
AND THEREFORE BE MORE IN KEEPING WITH DIGNITY OF PRESIDENTIAL
OFFICE.

DECONTROLLED FOLLOWING MARCH 29, 1970

MARLOWE

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

BOB HALDEMAN

Would you please check
with the President on the attached?

He did speak with Snowpine
Liu when he was here -- however,
another man is the one who gave the
money to start this library, etc.

USIA feels the library would
be more effective if it were made
a part of the new Town Hall Library
rather than putting out the money
to rebuild the present one in more
elaborate quarters.

You will note they are also
concerned that it could come under
attack by the Red Chinese as a point
of embarrassment.

Believe RN should decide since
he has been so close to this. *Rmu*

BBf -c ✓
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Date: March 28, 1969

Time: 10:30 A.M.

FOR ACTION: H. Kissinger

cc (for information):

FG6-11-1/Kissinger,
Henry A.

Nixon Library

Liu, Snowpine

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

SUBJECT: Nixon Library in Hong Kong

DETERMINED TO BE AN
ADMINISTRATIVE MARKING
E.O. 12366, Section 1.1

By _____ NARS, Date _____

ACTION REQUESTED:

____ For Necessary Action

X For Your Recommendations

____ Prepare Agenda and Brief

____ Draft Reply

____ For Your Comments

____ Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Please review the attached material and reply by
return memo of your recommendations.

DUE: Date: April 2, 1969

Time: 2:00 P.M.

DETERMINED TO BE AN
ADMINISTRATIVE MARKING

PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

E.O. 12065, Section 6.102

By RIP NARS, Date 4/2/82

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in
submitting the required material, please telephone the
Staff Secretary immediately.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Date: March 28, 1969

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DETERMINED TO BE AN
ADMINISTRATIVE MARKING
E.O. 12356, Section 1.1

By RTP NARS, Date 7/12/82

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DUE: Date: April 2, 1969

Time: 2:00 P.M.

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For the President

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ACTION MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Date: March 28, 1969

Time: 10:30 A.M.

FOR ACTION: H. Kissinger

cc (for information):

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

SUBJECT: Nixon Library in Hong Kong

ACTION REQUESTED:

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☒ For Your Recommendations

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E.O. 12356, Section 1.1
By RTP NARS, Date 5/12/84

DUE: Date:

April 2, 1969

Time: 2:00 P.M.

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K. R. COLE, JR.
For the President

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THE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

P. O. BOX 101

ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

DR. MAGNUS I. GREGERSEN
PRESIDENT

March 26, 1969

Miss Rose Mary Woods
THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Woods,

In reply to your secretary's note of February 26, 1969, I have not as yet heard from Mr. Edward Morgan, but please be assured that I am very interested in the Nixon Library in Hong Kong. I would be eager to hear what plans have been made.

Cordially,

Magnus I. Gregersen

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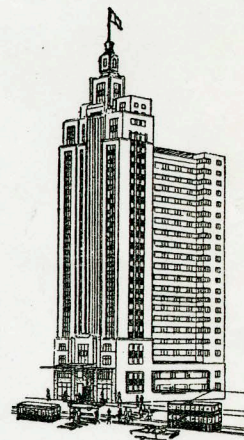
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13th March 1969.

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White House,
Washington, D.C.,
U. S. A.

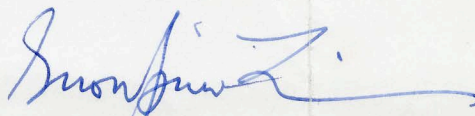
Dear Miss Wood:

I finally returned home via Taipei on March 8 after a very pleasant trip to the United States. Indeed it was my great pleasure to be able to see you and the President again.

I must thank you most sincerely for your assistance during my stay in New York and Washington particularly for your sending me the photos. I am at present proceeding with the development of the Library. Yesterday morning, I had an appointment to see the Consul General, Mr. Martin who told me that the U.S.I.S. had decided to contribute HK\$3,000 to the Library for redecoration. Please convey this news to the President in due course.

With my warmest regards.

Yours sincerely,


Snowpine Liu

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REF: HONG KONG 837 G PREVIOUS TELS

1. SNOWPINE LIU MET WITH CONSUL GENERAL AND ME TODAY TO BRIEF
US ON HIS TRIP TO U. S. AND VISIT WITH PRESIDENT.

2. LIU TOLD US THAT PRESIDENT DISAPPROVED NIXON

LIBRARY MOVE TO YUEN LONG TOWN HALL, AND APPROVED
INSTEAD CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BUILDING IN YUEN LONG TO
HOUSE LIBRARY.

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3. NEW BUILDING TO BE FINANCED BY GRANT OF US\$100,000
TO BE PROVIDED BY CHINA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION THROUGH
ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH MR. M. I. GREGERSEN, PRESIDENT
OF THE FOUNDATION.

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4. ACCORDING TO LIU'S PLAN, LIBRARY AND STUDY/ PLAY
ROOMS WOULD OCCUPY FIRST TWO FLOORS OF A SIX FLOOR
BUILDING. REST OF BUILDING WOULD BE RENTED OUT AS OFFICES
WITH INCOME DEVOTED TO MAINTENANCE LIBRARY AND SALARIES
LIBRARY STAFF. MR. TANG, OWNER OF LAND ON WHICH BUILDING TO
BE CONSTRUCTED AND CHAIRMAN OF PRESENT LIBRARY
COMMITTEE, TO HAVE PLANS FOR NEW BUILDING PREPARED
AND FORWARDED EITHER TO WHITE HOUSE OR TO MR.
GREGERSEN, UNCLEAR WHICH.

5. LIU SAID MR. SHAKESPEARE "INSTRUCTED" TO SHIP TO
THE LIBRARY ENGLISH-LANGUAGE BOOKS "FROM THE WHITE HOUSE
LIBRARY".

6. LIU ALSO BROUGHT UP THE QUESTION OF PROVISION OF
CHINESE-LANGUAGE BOOKS FOR THE NEW LIBRARY. WE POINTED
OUT THAT FROM OUR RESOURCES WE COULD ONLY PROVIDE
COPIES OF THOSE BOOKS WE TRANSLATE AND PUBLISH, BUT
THAT WE PREPARED TRY INTEREST LOCAL AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN
IN RAISING FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE. LIU AGREED.

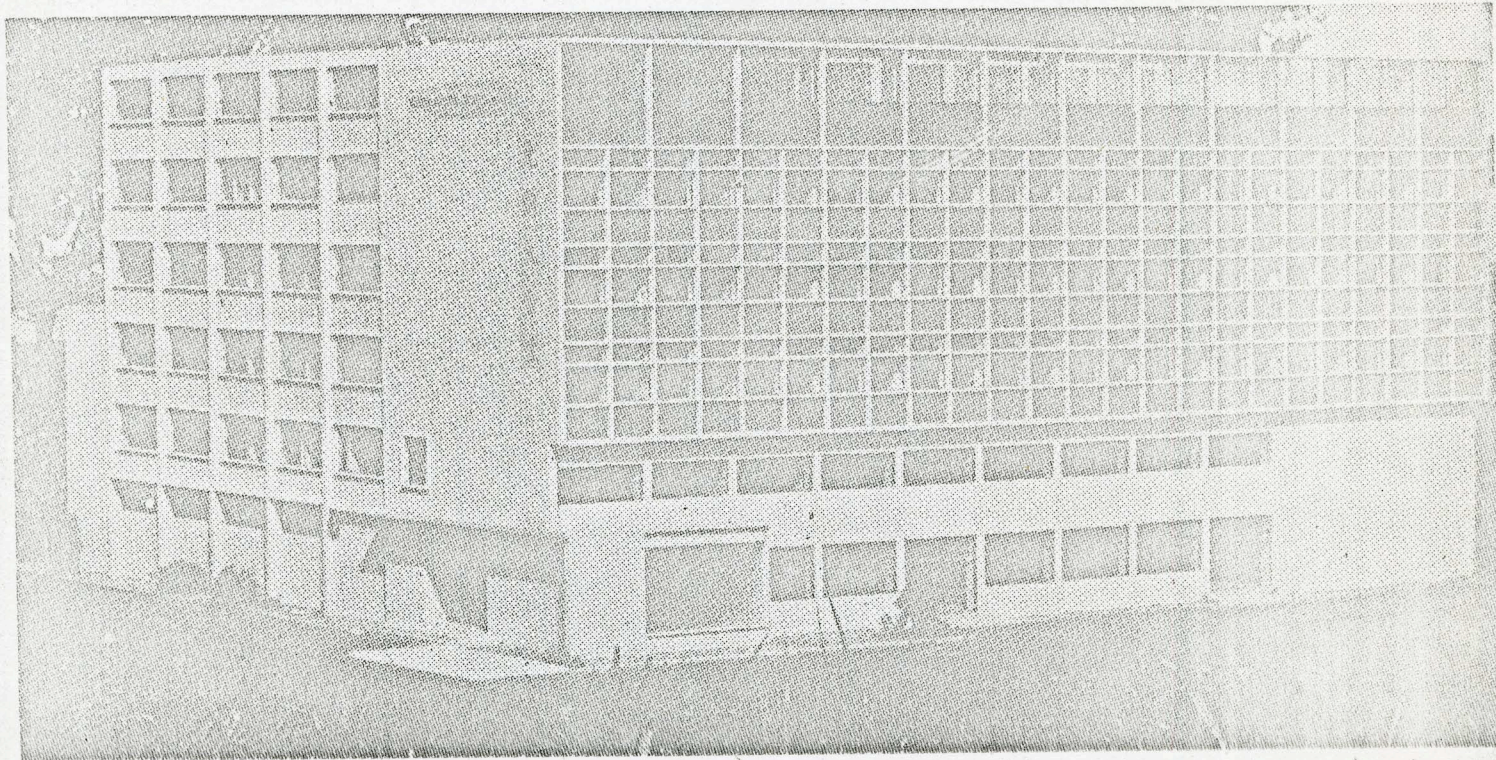
7. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF ABOVE AND
ANY OTHER INFO AGENCY CAN OBTAIN THIS SUBJECT.

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Yuen Long to have a town hall

Residents of Yuen Long in the New Territories will see a big community project which they have been planning for some time take shape early next year.

This project — a town hall — will be built on a 20,000 sq ft site at the western approach to Yuen Long. Building costs have been met by an allocation of \$1m from the Government Lotteries Fund.

One wing of the L-shaped building is four storeys high while the other is six storeys. There will be a hall for stage and film shows, exhibitions, meetings, meals, badminton and other events. The hall will have a stage with dressing rooms and storage space.

Provision has been made for a kitchen to cater for community feeding in emergencies, for cookery lessons and for catering for social occasions. There will also be a lending and reference library, study areas for students who may find home conditions difficult for

serious study, club rooms for various group activities, and a roof-top play area.

Vocational training rooms will be provided for general handicrafts, hobbies, photography, sewing and typing. The building also houses a day nursery with kitchen, stores, and an office and staff room.

Administrative

On the administrative side there will be a general office, a warden's office, and several offices and a committee room for use by district welfare organisations, sports associations and other organisations. Quarters will be provided for caretakers.

Piling has been completed and construction will begin early next year. The town hall is due to be finished by October, 1969.

Adjacent to the town hall is the

Yuen Long recreation and sports ground which is nearing completion. It is the first of its kind in the New Territories and built at a cost of \$780,000 donated by the Royal Hong-kong Jockey Club.

The sports ground, which occupies a total of 365,800 square feet of land, has a concrete stadium capable of accommodating 3,000 spectators, a grass football field, a mini-soccer pitch with tarmac surface, tennis and basketball courts, and a children's playground.

There is also a six-lane athletics track built round the football field as well as facilities for pole-vault, long/triple jumps, shot-put, hammer and discus throw and javelin.

A temporary stand capable of accommodating an additional 1,300 spectators is provided on the opposite side of the football field facing the stadium.

● Picture above shows a model of the Yuen Long Town Hall.

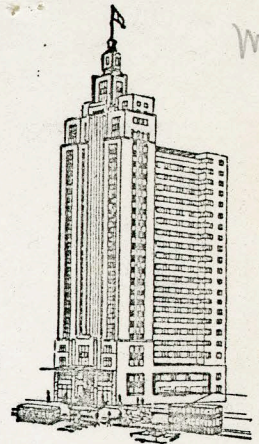
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11th March 1969.

The President,
White House,
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U. S. A.

My Dear President,

I finally returned home on March 8 after a very pleasant trip to the United States. It was indeed my honour to attend the Inauguration and share the happiness of the American people in the celebration. I feel proud of myself very much.

This afternoon, I saw Mr. Tang and discussed with him about the library in every detail. Mr. Tang knows that the International Foundation has agreed to contribute US\$100,000.00 to the Library. We will proceed to develop the Library as soon as possible and will keep you informed of the development.

Please send a copy of your photo duly signed for the Library, and in the meantime, you may please remind Mr. Shakespeare to start sending us books right away.

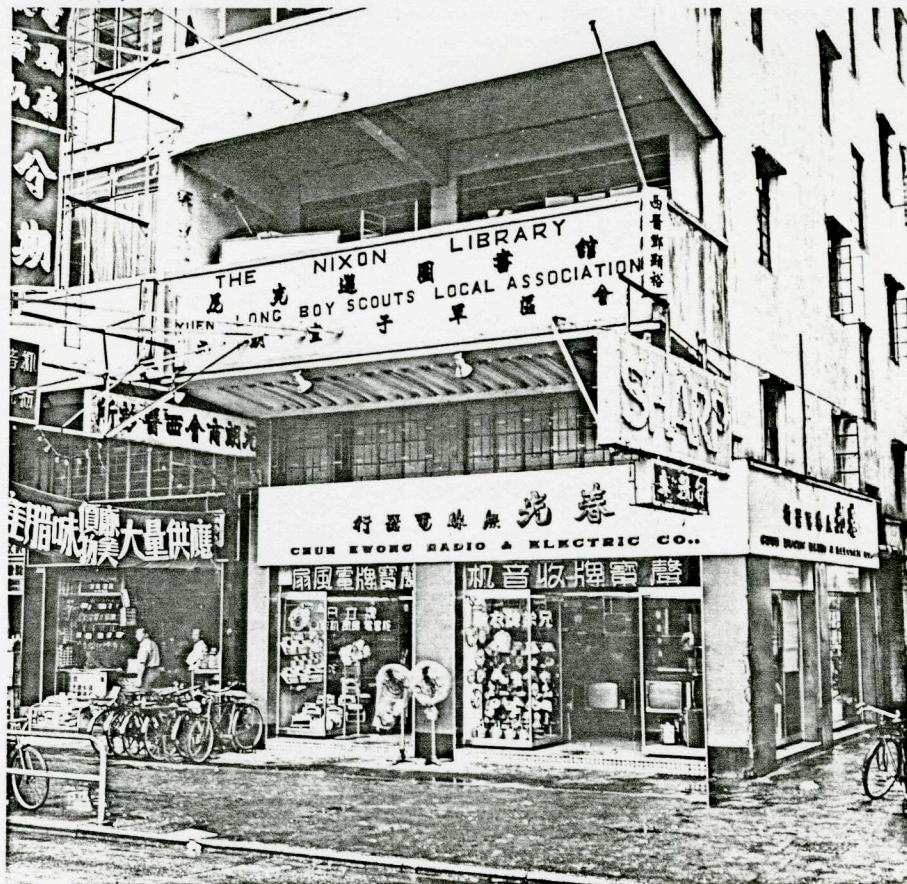
When I was in Taipei on my way home, I had the pleasure of meeting the President and Vice President of the Republic of China and the Chairman of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission, Mr. Kao Hsin. They all treated me nicely. Mr. Kao Hsin told me that the U.S. Government had been helping the overseas Chinese Students by contributing a large amount of money to the commission since you visited The Republic of China in 1953. Unfortunately, the contribution has been discontinued for several years. Mr. Kao said that both the Chinese students and the Government would be most grateful to you if you would see your way to resume such contribution.

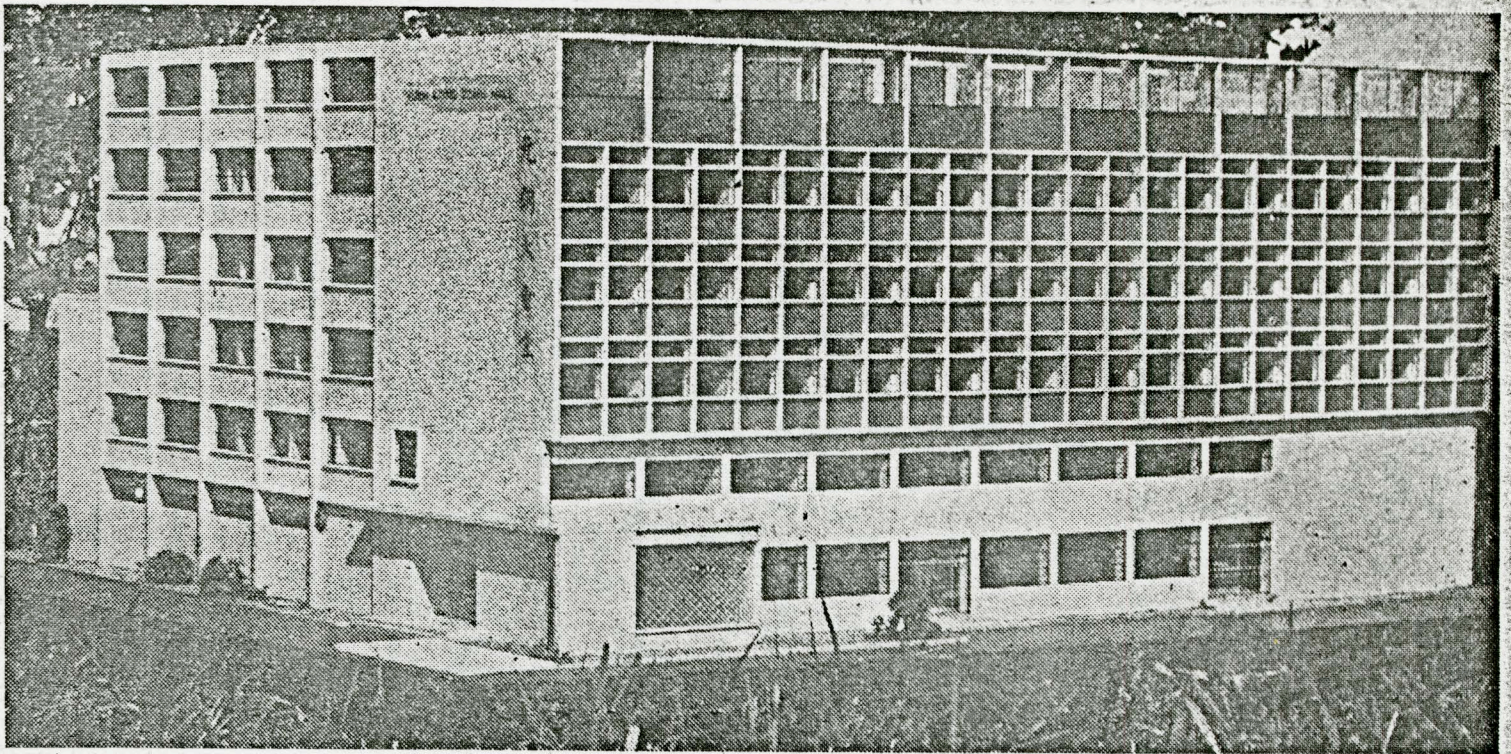
I am happy to tell you that the present situation of Hong Kong has returned to normal and indeed the Chinese New Year sees a prosperous and peaceful city growing steadily,

With warmest regards to you and the first family.

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Snowpine Liu
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Provision has been made for a kitchen to cater for community feeding in emergencies, for cookery lessons and for catering for social occasions. There will also be a lending and reference library, study areas for students who may find home conditions difficult for

serious study, club rooms for various group activities, and a roof-top play area.

Vocational training rooms will be provided for general handicrafts, hobbies, photography, sewing and typing. The building also houses a day nursery with kitchen, stores, and an office and staff room.

Administrative

On the administrative side there will be a general office, a warden's office, and several offices and a committee room for use by district welfare organisations, sports associations and other organisations. Quarters will be provided for caretakers.

Piling has been completed and construction will begin early next year. The town hall is due to be finished by October, 1969.

Adjacent to the town hall is the

Yuen Long recreation and sports ground which is nearing completion. It is the first of its kind in the New Territories and built at a cost of \$780,000 donated by the Royal Hong-kong Jockey Club.

The sports ground, which occupies a total of 365,800 square feet of land, has a concrete stadium capable of accommodating 3,000 spectators, a grass football field, a mini-soccer pitch with tarmac surface, tennis and basketball courts, and a children's playground.

There is also a six-lane athletics track built round the football field as well as facilities for pole-vault, long/triple jumps, shot-putt, hammer and discus throw and javelin.

A temporary stand capable of accommodating an additional 1,300 spectators is provided on the opposite side of the football field facing the stadium.

● Picture above shows a model of the Yuen Long Town Hall.

February 6, 1969

Thursday - 1:15 p.m.

MR. PRESIDENT:

Snowpine Liu of Hong Kong will be
in Washington for the next five
days and has asked to see the
President.

Shall we try to bring him in
to see you at some point during
this time?

Yes _____ No _____

Dwight L. Chapin

DLC:ny

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Thank you.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: LEONARD GARMENT

Subsequent to my March 5 report to you on the ^xNixon Library in Hong Kong, arrangements were made for the presentation of the US \$3,000 check to the Social Welfare Department in Hong Kong so that the Chinese books can be purchased prior to the opening of the Library. This presentation is expected to take place soon.

However, barring unforeseen tensions, I support the recommendation that Julie and David go to Hong Kong while in Asia and visit the Nixon Library. This would provide a natural photo taking session and a personal tie-in with your support of the Library.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.: P347

Date: Tuesday, March 17, 1970

Time: 7:00 p.m.

FOR ACTION: ✓ L. Garment

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cc (for information):

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Tuesday, March 24, 1970

Time: 2:00 p.m.

SUBJECT:

President's suggestion that David and Julie Eisenhower accept the \$3,000 check from the American Women's Association in Hong Kong for the Nixon Library there.

ACTION REQUESTED:

☒ For Necessary Action

☐ For Your Recommendations

☐ Prepare Agenda and Brief

☐ Draft Reply

☐ For Your Comments

☐ Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Sent to TI FYI on 3/30

Listed on TI's 3/31 report

PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

JRB

K. R. COLE, JR.
For the President

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