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TO THE WHITE HOUSE EYES ONLY FOR DR. HENRY KISSINGER

HAVE JUST COMPLETED MY FIRST VISIT WITH AMBASSADOR HUANG.
HE WAS EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR YOU LETTER AND ASKED ME TO SEND YOU
HIS WARNEST REGARDS. THE ATMOSPHERE WAS VERY CORDI AL. HE HAD
A CHINESE WITH HIM WHO I NTERPRETED THE CONVERSATIONS INTO FRENCH.
ALSO PRESENT WAS MR. TSAO, FIRST SECRETARY. THE AMBASSADOR SAID
THAT FOR MAJOR MATTERS HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ME. FOR LESS IMPORTANT,
ROUTINE THINGS, HE ASKED ME TO DESIGNATE SONEBODY HERE AT THE
EMBASSY THAT COULD DEAL WITH MR. TSAO. I TOLD HIM THAT AT PRESENT.
I HAD NOT CHOSEN ANYBODY FOR THIS ROLE, BUT AS HE PRESSED THE POINT,
I HAVE DESIGNATED ALLEN HOLMES, POLI TICAL COUNSELOR, IN WHOM I HAVE
THE UTMOST CONFIDENCE AND WHO WILL SEND NO MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON
WITHOUT CLEARING IT WITH ME. HE WAS ALSO PLEASED BY MY ASSURANCES
THAT ANY MESSAGES FROM ME WOULD BE DIRECTLY TO YOU AND THE PRESIDENT,
THEREBY AVOIDING ANY LEAKS. HE OBVI OUSLY IS WELL INFORMED ABOUT
JACK ANDERSON.

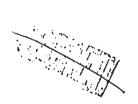
AS I MENTIONED IN MY OTHER CABLE, HE IS RETURNING MY CALL THURSDAY AT 1100. I DI'D MENTION TO HIM THAT YOU ALL WERE EXTREMELY PLEASED BY THE WARM WELC OME YOU RECEIVED IN CHINA, THE RESULT OF WHICH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CAUSE NUMEROUS REQUESTS FOR VI SITS, WHICH HE QUITE UNDERSTOOD AND WHICH HE DID NOT PROTEST. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INSTRUCTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE FOR MY THURSDAY MEETING. HAVE SENT SECRETARY A SHORT MESSAGE MERELY STATING WE HAD HAD A FRIENDLY DISCUSSION.

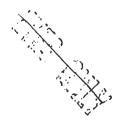
ON MY RETURN TO MY OFFICE WAS INFORMED THAT JAPANESE EMBASSY HERE IS MOST ANXIOUS TO BE KEPT UP TO DATE ON THESE MEETINGS. UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO THE CONTRARY WILL TELL THEM THAT ATMOSPHERE IS FRIENDLY AND SAY NO MORE.

WARM REGARDS.

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