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SUBJECT: (U) EA/C WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

TO: EA - MR. HOLBROOKE

FROM: EA/C - CHARLES W. FREEMAN, JR.

1. (C) THE GRAINS AGREEMENT: AT LAST WE CAN TELL YOU  
(JCO)

THE GRAINS AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED OCT. 22 IN BEIJING AT  
11:30 A.M. PRESIDENT CARTER WAS TO HAVE ANNOUNCED THE  
AGREEMENT AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME IN TEXAS, BUT CHOSE  
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INSTEAD TO MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN NEW ORLEANS THE NEXT  
DAY. MOST OF THE MEDIA COVERAGE WE HAVE SEEN BALANCES  
THE BENEFITS OF THE AGREEMENT TO U.S. FARMERS WITH  
PREDICTIONS THAT IT WILL ADD ABOUT ONE CENT TO THE COST  
OF A LOAF OF BREAD. THE FLOOD OF LEAKS OVER THE PAST TWO  
WEEKS ABOUT THE AGREEMENT APPEARS TO OUR UNTRAINED EYES  
TO HAVE TAKEN A LOT OF STEAM OUT OF THE FORMAL  
ANNOUNCEMENT. AGRICULTURE SECRETARY BERGLAND FURTHER  
UPSTAGED THE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT WITH AN  
ILL-CONSIDERED REMARK AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE TO THE

EFFECT THAT THE CHINESE WERE MOTIVATED IN PART TO CONCLUDE THE AGREEMENT NOW BECAUSE OF FEARS ABOUT A REAGAN PRESIDENCY.

2. (LOU) COMMERCE ENTOURAGE PREPARES FOR BEIJING (JCO)

DESPITE EFFORTS BY US, ROGER AND DOC'S CHINA DIVISION TO HOLD DOWN THE NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS TRAVELLING WITH SECRETARY KLUTZNICK TO OPEN THE U.S. TRADE EXHIBITION IN BEIJING, AT LAST COUNT THE DELEGATION STILL INCLUDED FOUR SPOUSES AND TWO ADULT "CHILDREN" (AND NO U.S. INTERPRETER BECAUSE OF "SPACE LIMITATIONS"). THE CHINESE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR MANY TIMES IN THE PAST THAT THEY DO NOT WELCOME--INDEED RESENT--THIS ADDED BURDEN OF ENTERTAINING SUB-CABINET LEVEL DEPENDENTS DURING OFFICIAL VISITS. WE AND THE WHITE HOUSE HAVE RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO A COMMERCE PROPOSAL TO ALLOW THE WIVES AND CHILDREN TO GO, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL BUT KLUTZNICK DEPENDENTS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN FOOD, LODGING, GUIDE, TAXI AND OTHER CHARGES. THE GUESTHOUSE WHERE THE DELEGATION IS STAYING COSTS ABOUT 234 DOLLARS A DAY FOR SINGLE ROOM AND BOARD.

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3. (C) HAN XU CONSULTATIONS (DNJ)

AMBASSADOR HAN WILL BE ATTENDING THE WILLIAMSBURG X CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 13TH AND WILL BE COMING TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATION WITH YOU BEFORE OR AFTER THAT. WE DO NOT HAVE FIRM DATES FOR HIS TRAVEL OR FOR THE TALKS, BUT HAVE BEGUN TO DRAW UP A LIST OF TOPICS WHICH MIGHT USEFULLY BE ADDRESSED IN THIS ROUND OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS.

4. (LOU) PIECING TOGETHER THE FOREIGN TRADE CENTER ... (REG)

HISTORY: SHORTLY AFTER THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE TOLD CHASE AND THE THREE COMPANIES INVOLVED IN THE BUILDING OF THE FOREIGN TRADE CENTER (TURNER CONSTRUCTION, GERALD C. HINES, AND KAISER ENGINEERS) THAT, DUE TO THE ECONOMIC READJUSTMENTS UNDERWAY IN CHINA, THE MFT WAS UNABLE TO CONTINUE THE FTC PROJECT, IT REQUESTED THAT THE THREE COMPANIES SEND A GROUP TO DISCUSS THE PROJECT.

THE PRESENT: REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE COMPANIES AND CHASE HAVE BEEN IN CHINA SINCE OCTOBER 12, BUT CHASE IN NEW YORK STILL DOES NOT KNOW WHAT IS UP. THE EMBASSY HAS HEARD THAT MANY ECONOMIC PLANNERS IN CHINA HAD CONCLUDED

THAT THE 300 MILLION DOLLAR PRICE ON THE FTC WAS JUST TOO EXPENSIVE AT THIS STAGE IN CHINA'S MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. THE MFT MAY BE INTERESTED IN CANCELING THE PROJECT AS ORIGINALLY DESIGNED IN ORDER TO DEVELOP A SMALLER, MORE ECONOMICAL TRADE COMPLEX WHICH OVER TIME, COULD BE EXPANDED AS COMMERCIALY WARRANTED. WE SHOULD BE HEARING MORE DEFINITELY ON THIS FROM CHASE WHEN THE GROUP CURRENTLY IN BEIJING RETURNS TO THE U.S.

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5. (LOU) ASKEW DOES HIS BIT (REG)

WE HEAR THE GOVERNOR IS IN CHINA DOING HIS NUMBER ON THE BIT, BUT WHERE AND HOW HE IS DOING IT IS AS YET UNCLEAR.

6. (C) OPIC SIGNING: SOON, WE HOPE (REG)

THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE OPIC AGREEMENT INITIALLED EARLIER THIS MONTH IN BEIJING. THE CHINESE MFA HAS PROMISED TO INFORM US FRIDAY ON THE DATE AND THE PERSON WHO WILL SIGN FOR PRC.

7. (LOU) REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS ON TRADE IN WOOL SWEATERS (REG)

THE EMBASSY FORMALLY REQUESTED CONSULTATIONS ON SWEATERS LAST SATURDAY. NOT SURPRISINGLY, THE CHINESE WERE QUICK TO POINT OUT THAT THIS FIRST REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS CAME VERY SOON AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT ON SEPTEMBER 17. BEYOND THAT, WE HAVE NOT HEARD MUCH. TIME AND VENUE FOR THE CONSULTATIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN SET.

8. (U) MUSHROOMS (REG)

SINCE WE HAVE RUN OUT OF MUSHROOM PUNS, WE ARE TURNING THIS OVER TO EA/EP.

9. (C) PRC ACCESSION TO THE GATT (REG)

STAFF LEVEL MEETINGS BETWEEN USTR AND LOCAL DEVELOPED COUNTRY REPS IN GENEVA ARE BEING CONDUCTED TO CONSIDER GATT'S RESPONSE TO A PROBABLE FORMAL CHINESE REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP SOMETIME EARLY NEXT YEAR. SO FAR, THE  
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FOLLOWING HASBEENDECIDED:(A)CAPITALS MUST BEGIN

QUICKLY TO ADDRESS TRADE PROBLEMS OF SUCH MEMBERSHIP, (B) KEY CAPITALS AND GENEVA MUST WORK TOGETHER TO DEVISE A COORDINATED STRATEGY FOR ACHIEVING COMMON TRADE OBJECTIVES BEFORE EVENTS AND POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS MAKE THIS MORE DIFFICULT, AND (C) GENEVA DELS SHOULD DEVELOP A LIST OF PERTINENT QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN CAPITALS. THERE SEEMS TO BE A CONSENSUS AMONG DEVELOPED COUNTRIES THAT, DESPITE TRADE POLICY AND GATT INSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS, ALL WOULD OFFICIALLY WELCOME PRC MEMBERSHIP IN GATT, BUT WE DO NEED TO WORK OUT HOW THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH MINIMAL DISRUPTION TO THE WORKINGS AND PURPOSE OF THE GATT.

10. (C) LANDSAT D NEGOTIATIONS (DER)

THE CHINESE LANDSAT D PROCUREMENT DELEGATION HAS MET WITH GE, THE PRIME US CONTRACTOR, AND NASA. PRICE REMAINS A STUMBLING BLOCK. IN LOWERING ITS PRICE GE REDUCED THE CAPABILITY OF THE EQUIPMENT TO A TECHNICAL LEVEL SIMILAR TO ITS CANADIAN COMPETITION, BUT STILL AT A HIGHER PRICE. THE DELEGATION IS NOW PRESENTLY TALKING TO LOCKHEED IN CALIFORNIA AND WILL RECONTACT NASA LATER IN THE MONTH. THE CHINESE RELUCTANT-BRIDE APPROACH, EVEN IN THE FACE OF CHINESE POLITICAL ASSURANCE THAT THEY WILL BUY AMERICAN, IS CONSISTENT WITH THEIR INTEREST IN GETTING THE BEST PRICE.

11. (C) OUR REACTION TO PRC NUCLEAR BLAST (DER)

WE INSTRUCTED THE EMBASSY TO MAKE A REPRESENTATION TO BEIJING OVER ITS MEDIUM YIELD ATMOSPHERIC NUCLEAR EXPLOSION, DETONATED ON THE SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR FIRST TEST -- OCTOBER 16. WE STRESSED OUR KNOWN OPPOSITION TO ATMOSPHERIC TESTING AND THE DANGERS SUCH

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TESTS, ESPECIALLY IF UNANNOUNCED, POSE TO INTERNATIONAL AVIATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH IN GENERAL. AS YOU KNOW MOST NUCLEAR WEAPONS SITES -NOW ONLY CONDUCT UNDERGROUND TESTS -- A DIRECTION IN WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO NUDGE THE CHINESE.

12. (C) FLY THE PROLIFERATING SKIES (DER)

CAAC MAY NOT BE MUCH COMPETITION FOR PANAM (WHICH THE CAB RECOMMENDED FOR DESIGNATION AS THE FIRST US CARRIER TO CHINA ON OCTOBER 17), BUT "SHANGHAI AIR" MIGHT. CONGEN SHANGHAI REPORTS THAT ENTREPRENEURS IN THE CITY ON THE SEA, FRUSTRATED AT CAAC'S INCOMPETENCE, ARE CONSIDERING

STARTING THEIR OWN DOMESTIC AIRLINE. WHILE OTHER PROVINCES ARE RUMORED TO HAVE SIMILAR PLANS, WE'LL STAKE

OUR PER DIEM THAT ONLY SHANGHAI CAN PULL IT OFF. WE COLLABORATED WITH COMMERCE IN PROVIDING THE SHANGHAI MAYOR'S OFFICE WITH AIRCRAFT LEASING AND SALES DATA.

13. (C) DOC HIRSCHHORN RETURNS FROM EXPLAINING EXPORT CONTROLS (DER)

COMMERCE DAS HIRSCHHORN RETURNED THIS WEEK FROM AN EXTENDED LECTURE TOUR OF CHINA DURING WHICH HIS GROUP EXPLAINED THE INTRICACIES OF THE EXPORT CONTROL WORLD. THE EMBASSY CONSIDERS HIS VISIT ONE OF THE MOST USEFUL WE HAVE ARRANGED. HE GAVE US AN ENTHUSIASTIC ACCOUNT OF HIS SOJOURNS, NOTING, HOWEVER, THAT THE CHINESE DID NOT RAISE SPECIFIC CASES WITH THE GROUP. HE SUGGESTED THAT A LISTING OF PRIORITY CASES MIGHT FOLLOW HIM TO WASHINGTON. WE CERTAINLY HOPE SO, BECAUSE FEW OF THE PRECEDENT-SETTING CHINA CASES ARE GETTING THROUGH AND DOC CONFIDENTIAL

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IS BEGINNING TO SERVE UP DENIALS. THE RECENT EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT ESTABLISHED A 90-DAY LIMIT IN WHICH DOC HAD TO ACT ON A CASE. THE FIRST 90-DAYS EXPIRED UNHERALDED SEPTEMBER 27.

14. (C) S AND T TRAVEL (DER)

A DELEGATION FROM HUD, WITH A DRAFT PROTOCOL IN HAND, WILL TRAVEL TO CHINA IN DECEMBER. HUD SECRETARY LANDRIEU WILL NOT ACCOMPANY THE DELEGATION. THE DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY IS ALSO GEARING UP FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS IN DECEMBER WITH THE CHINESE ON CARTOGRAPHY. FOR OBVIOUS REASONS WE ARE STEERING THEM AWAY FROM SIGNING A SEPARATE PROTOCOL. WE HAVE INSTEAD RESERVED A TAILOR MADE SPOT FOR THEM AS AN ANNEX UNDER THE EARTH SCIENCES PROTOCOL.

WE RECENTLY TASKED NFAC WITH A REPORT ON GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE S AND T RELATIONS BETWEEN OECD COUNTRIES AND CHINA. OUR TIMING WAS GOOD BECAUSE, AS WE SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED, THE OECD MINISTERS WILL BE MEETING IN EUROPE OCTOBER 31 TO DISCUSS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE SELF-SAME TOPIC. WE HAVE ASKED NFAC TO COMPLETE THE REPORT IN TIME TO USE FOR THAT MEETING.

15. C) CHARLIE TWO-SHOES, VIP (JAP)

IN THE MID-LATE-1940'S, THE US MARINES IN QINGDAO (TSINGTAO) ADOPTED A CHINESE BOY WHOM THEY DUBBED

CHARLIE TWO-SHOES." CHARLIE, NOW 45, MARRIED AND EQUIPPED WITH NUMEROUS CHILDREN, IS IN TOUCH WITH HIS FORMER MARINE BUDDIES, WHO WANT TO BRING HIM HERE. CHARLIE IS A FEATURE-WRITER'S DREAM, CLEAN-CUT, DEVOUTLY

CHRISTIAN AND WELL-PHOTOGRAPHED AS A KID IN MINIATURE UNIFORM. THE PRESS IN OHIO HAS GLOMMED ONTO THE STORY, AND THERE IS INTEREST IN HIGH PLACES IN HAVING HIM COME  
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HERE BY ABOUT HALLOWEEN, GIVE OR TAKE ABOUT FOUR DAYS. OUR EMBASSY IN BEIJING IS WORKING ON IT.

16. (C) ITALIANS PLAN SHANGHAI CONGEN (JAP)

ITALY HAS NAMED LUIGI COSTA-SANSEVERINO, CURRENTLY IN THEIR COMMERCIAL SECTION HERE, TO HEAD THEIR NEW CONGEN IN SHANGHAI. THEY HOPE TO OPEN WITH A FOUR-OFFICER STAFF IN THE SUMMER OF 1981. COSTA SERVED PREVIOUSLY IN BEIJING, AND KNOWS THE DELIGHTS OF THE DONGFANG FROM SEVERAL TRADE FAIRS. HE SEEMS TO BE SHREWD AND AGGRESSIVE, AND SPEAKS EXCELLENT BROOKLYN-ACCENTED ENGLISH. SHANGHAI AUTHORITIES HAD BETTER BE CAREFUL WITH COSTA, IN ORDER TO KEEP THEIR KNEECAPS INTACT.

17. (C) TAIWAN ACCEDES TO PANAMA CANAL PROTOCOL (JAP)

THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES INFORMED US TUESDAY THAT TAIWAN, AS THE "GOVERNMENT OF CHINA," ACCEDED TO THE PANAMA CANAL PROTOCOL LAST JULY. THE PRC HAS DONE NOTHING TO CONTEST THIS. ALL OF THE CURRENT ACCESSORIES, EXCEPT VIETNAM, HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN. OBJECTIONS FROM THAT QUARTER TO TAIWAN'S ACTIONS ARE UNLIKELY.

18. (C) TIBET (CWF)

ON MONDAY WE RECEIVED A FIRST-RATE WRAP-UP ON CONDITIONS IN TIBET FROM HONG KONG, BASED ON THE RECENT VISIT OF CONGEN OFFICERS TO THAT IMPOVERISHED AUTONOMOUS REGION (HONG KONG 16148), WHICH WE HOPE TO INCLUDE IN THE CHENGDU CONSULAR DISTRICT. THAT EVENING I HAD DINNER WITH THUBTEN JIGME NORBU, THE DALAI LAMA'S ELDER BROTHER,  
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JUST RETURNED FROM SIX WEEKS IN CHINA, MOST OF WHICH HE SPENT IN TIBET AND OTHER TIBETAN-POPULATED AREAS. PRINCE NORBU SPOKE MOVINGLY OF THE APALLING CONDITIONS HE HAD OBSERVED AND OF THE MEMORIES TIBETANS HARBOR OF STILL MORE WRETCHED TIMES IN THE RECENT PAST. HE ALSO SPOKE OF THE VERY POSITIVE ATTITUDES HE HAD HEARD EXPRESSED ABOUT HU YAOBANG'S VISIT AND THE CHANGES IT HAD INITIATED IN

THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES TOWARD TIBET, EXPRESSING GUARDED OPTIMISM ABOUT TIBET'S PROSPECTS SHOULD THESE POLICIES BE SUSTAINED IN FUTURE YEARS. MOST SIGNIFICANTLY, HAVING JUST CONFERRED WITH HIS YOUNGER BROTHER IN CANADA, HE APPEARED TO TREAT THE DALAI LAMA'S RETURN TO TIBET AS VIRTUALLY A FOREGONE CONCLUSION, SAYING THAT "OF COURSE" HIS BROTHER WOULD RETURN TO TIBET SOONER OR LATER EITHER FOR A TEMPORARY VISIT OR PERMANENTLY, DEPENDING ON "HOW THINGS WORK OUT."

19. (C) CONSULATES AND CONSULAR DISTRICTS (CWF)

AS YOU KNOW, WE WERE REFUSED A CONSULATE IN XIAMEN, LARGELY, WE BELIEVE, AS A RESULT OF HEIGHTENED SENSITIVITY OVER THE TAIWAN ISSUE ARISING FROM THE SUMMER SILLY SEASON ON THAT MATTER. WITH FIRM AGREEMENT ON NEW CONSULATES GENERAL IN SHENYANG AND WUHAN, WE HAVE YET TO BE GIVEN THE FINAL GO-AHEAD FOR CHENGDU. NOR HAVE THE CHINESE RESPONDED TO OUR REQUESTS WITH RESPECT TO CONSULAR DISTRICTS, BEYOND AGREEING TO THE THREE PROVINCES OF THE NORTHEAST AS THE SHENYANG CONSULAR DISTRICT. WE AWAIT THEIR RESPONSE TO OUR EARLIER REPRESENTATIONS, WHICH WE SUSPECT HAS BEEN DELAYED BY MORE RECENT TAIWAN CONTROVERSIES.

20. (U) DOUBLE TEN ALREADY YET AGAIN (CWF)

THE "CENTRAL DAILY NEWS" (ZHONGYANG RIBAO) REPORTS THAT,  
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IN ADDITION TO THE INFAMOUS LOS ANGELES CEREMONIES, THE HEAD OF CCNAA'S SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE ASSISTED AT FESTIVITIES RAISING THE GEAR WHEEL FLAG OVER THE SAN JOSE CITY HALL. OTHER SUCH CEREMONIES ARE REPORTED FROM KANSAS CITY AND TOPEKA, WITH, HOWEVER, NO CCNAA PARTICIPATION NOTED. MEANWHILE, NEXT YEAR'S DOUBLE TEN PROMISES TO BE UNUSUALLY INTERESTING AS BEIJING JOINS TAIPEI (AND TOPEKA?) IN THE CELEBRATIONS. WILL SUN YAT-SEN REPLACE MAO ZEDONG'S ENIGMATICALLY SMILING IMAGE OVER TIANANMEN? WATCH THIS SPACE.

21. (U) OUR FRIENDS FROM 5310 (CWF)

EA/RA/TC ("RATSIE" TO ITS ADMIRERS) WILL MOVE INTO OTHER EA/RA SPACE ADJACENT TO OUR OWN AS SOON AS PHONES CAN BE SWITCHED (ABOUT A WEEK AND A HALF FROM NOW ACCORDING TO AN ETERNALLY OPTIMISTIC EA/EX). WE WILL STILL BE DIVIDED BY THE TAIWAN STRAIT IN THE FORM OF A ROOM FOR OUR XEROX MACHINE THROUGH WHICH WE WILL CONTINUE TO SHOOT OUR

RESPECTIVE PROPAGANDA BARRAGES. PROPINQUITY WILL, HOWEVER, WE TRUST, BRING EASIER AND MORE EFFECTIVE TRADE

AND CONTACT IF NOT A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF OUR DIFFERENCES.

22. (C) THE GREAT CHINA VAN CHASE (CWF)

CHRYSLER MAY YET BE SAVED FROM BANKRUPTCY AND CHINA FROM CRIME ... IF THE BEIJING POLICE DEPARTMENT STILL WANTS DELIVERY OF ITS LONG SOUGHT SINGLE DODGE VAN, EQUIPPED WITH SIREN AND CRIME SCENE LIGHTING EQUIPMENT. EB AND INR HAVE DONE THEIR PART. "D" IS NOW AWAITING AN INDEPENDENT OPINION FROM "L." "D" ASSURES US THAT,  
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HAVING TAKEN A MERE SIX MONTHS TO BRING THE ISSUE OF THE VAN BEFORE IT, EA AND HA WILL NOT HAVE TO WAIT THAT LONG FOR A DECISION ON THIS MOMENTOUS ISSUE. AAARRRGH.

23. (LOU) HUMAN RIGHTS IN MONGOLIA (CWF)

SINCE WE NEVER GOT THAT INFLATABLE LEATHER YURT WE WANTED FOR AN EMBASSY IN ULAANBAATAR, EA/C HAS HAD, ONCE AGAIN, TO DO ITS OWN REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN MONGOLIA. KNOWING LITTLE, WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT, IF THERE ARE HUMANS IN MONGOLIA, THEY DON'T HAVE RIGHTS ....

24. (LOU) ... AND IN CHINA (CWF)

EMBASSY BEIJING HAS SENT IN ITS ANNUAL DRAFT HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT. IT DEPICTS AN IMPROVING SITUATION THAT STILL LEAVES AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT TO BE DESIRED. WE FIND IT A BALANCED, SOPHISTICATED ANALYSIS. WE THEREFORE ANTICIPATE PROBLEMS WITH HA.

25. (C) WHALING ALONG (SSH)

AFTER CIRCULATING INSTRUMENTS OF ACCESSION TO THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION BY TAIWAN AND SUBSEQUENTLY BY THE PRC, WE WILL TAKE OFF OUR DEPOSITARY HAT AND AS THE USG ANSWER OUR OWN CIRCULAR NOTES BY STATING THAT WE RECOGNIZE THE PRC AS THE SOLE LEGAL GOVERNMENT, ETC., -AND SUPPORT THEIR ACCESSION--NOT-TAIWAN'S--AS THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA.

26. (U) CHINESE PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS VISIT D.C. (MS)

THE DELEGATION, HEADED BY GUANGDONG GOVERNOR XI ZHONGXUN, ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON THE EVENING OF OCT. 22. THEY ARE CALLING ON DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER, NATIONAL

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SECURITY ADVISOR BRZEZINSKI AND ATTENDING A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION TODAY (23RD) AND WILL GO TO A DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BRIEFING ON OCTOBER 24.

27. (U) PUBLIC RELATIONS (SSH)

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK HAVE INCLUDED: JOHN PARKER'S OCTOBER 21 ODYSSEY TO WEST--BY GOD--VIRGINIA WHERE HE REGALED THE MOUNTAINEERS WITH HOMESPUN TALES OF SINO-U.S. RELATIONS; NEIL'S TALK ON THE SAME SUBJECT TO--BELIEVE IT OR NOT--A VISITING NORTHERN GEORGIA METHODIST FOREIGN AFFAIRS SEMINAR GROUP; AND JERRY'S BRIEFING OF TREASURY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUBNICK AND HIS TRILATERAL CREW OF TREASURY/DOC/DOE REPS PRIOR TO THEIR TRIP TO CHINA AT THE INVITATION OF THE STATE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. SCOTT HEADS SOUTH ON SATURDAY TO SPARTANBURG, S.C. TO DO A SERIES OF TALKS AND MEETINGS WITH LOCAL COLLEGE STUDENTS, BUSINESS LEADERS AND EDITORS . HE WILL BE BACK TUESDAY MORNING.

28. (LOU) BURSTING AT THE SEAMS (SSH)

THE ARRIVAL OF ANN SCOTT, OUR NEW INTERN, AND JOHN LONG, WITH US TEMPORARILY PRIOR TO CONSULAR TRAINING AND TRANSFER TO GUANGZHOU, ADDED TO ALREADY OFFICE-LESS NEIL SILVER HAS BROUGHT HOME OUR WORK-SPACE PROBLEMS WITH A VENGEANCE. WE CAN HOUSE NEIL FOR THE NEXT WEEK IN EA/EX AND ANN AND JOHN ARE SHARING THE CONFERENCE ROOM. WE ARE CONSIDERING PERSONNEL CEILING LIMITATIONS AND SIT-INS IN THE M AND A AREAS IN RECIPROCITY FOR THEIR UNSYMPATHETIC AND UNRESPONSIVE POSITION REGARDING OUR SPACE NEEDS.

29. (LOU) HOUSTON (CWF)  
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WE HAVE HEARD THAT EMBASSY BEIJING SENT US A REPORT ON AMBASSADOR WOODCOCK'S SATURDAY MEETING ON PROPERTY ISSUES WITH HAN XU, AND THAT IT WENT OUT MONDAY NIGHT, BEIJING TIME. AS OF COB THURSDAY, WE HAVE YET TO RECEIVE IT, SO WE HAVE NOTHING TO TELL YOU ON HOUSTON. PRIORITY CABLES ARE NOW SOMETIMES TAKING THREE DAYS OR MORE TO REACH US. ROUTINE CABLES MAY TAKE NEARLY A WEEK. THE OP CENTER T TELLS US THAT, TO BEAT THE SYSTEM, MORE AND MORE CABLES WORLD-WIDE ARE BEING SENT IMMEDIATE, AND THAT THEY ARE RECEIVING OVER FIFTY PER HOUR. IT CAN TAKE UP TO A DAY FOR US TO HAVE IMMEDIATE CABLES DELIVERED TO US.

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