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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 8 / 1 / 1

Name of Correspondent:  Mr.  Mrs.  Miss  Ms. Alison Pearl

MI Mail Report User Codes: (A) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Re: Conditions in Tibet.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8730031

DATE October 26, 1987

FOR: MR. GRANT GREEN  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
THE WHITE HOUSE

REFERENCE:

TO: President Ronald Reagan FROM: Ms. Alison Pearl  
DATE: October 6, 1987 SUBJECT: Regarding Conditions  
in Tibet  
REFERRAL DATED: October 16, 1987 ID# 533929  
(IF ANY)

THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY TO THE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION TAKEN:

- A DRAFT REPLY IS ATTACHED.  
 A DRAFT REPLY WILL BE FORWARDED.  
 A TRANSLATION IS ATTACHED.  
 AN INFORMATION COPY OF A DIRECT REPLY IS ATTACHED.  
 WE BELIEVE NO RESPONSE IS NECESSARY FOR THE REASON  
CITED BELOW.  
 THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE  
PROPOSED TRAVEL.  
 OTHER (SEE REMARKS).

REMARKS:

  
DIRECTOR  
SECRETARIAT STAFF

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 26, 1987

Dear Ms. Pearl:

On behalf of President Reagan, I am replying to your letter of October 6 about the situation in Tibet.

The United States strongly opposes human rights abuses in the Tibetan Autonomous region of China as it does in the rest of the world. Grave human rights abuses have occurred in Tibet, particularly in 1959 at the time of the Tibetan uprising and the flight of the Dalai Lama to India and again during the Cultural Revolution (1966-76). Hundreds of thousands of Tibetans perished in the course of armed clashes with Chinese troops, or from famine, mistreatment and incarceration. Thousands of others suffered not only physical abuse and hardship, but also from attempts by Red Guards to eradicate Tibet's cultural, linguistic, and religious heritage.

Beginning in 1980, the Chinese publicly recognized that their earlier policy and actions had been excessively harsh and adopted somewhat more liberal policies. A modest improvement of conditions in Tibet since 1980 has been recognized even by the Dalai Lama. Nevertheless, human rights abuses in all of China continue and are detailed in the State Department's yearly country reports to Congress on human rights.

Recent events have again focussed attention on Tibet. The U.S. has deplored the shooting of unarmed demonstrators during a violent demonstration in Lhasa on October 1, 1987. We have urged the Chinese to exercise restraint in order to avoid future bloodshed. We have protested the Chinese action to expel Western journalists from Lhasa and have urged that reporters be readmitted.

At the same time, the U.S. Government considers Tibet to be an autonomous region of China. At no time in the past has the U.S. recognized Tibet as a sovereign state, independent of China.

The U.S. Government will continue to do all it can to ensure respect for the dignity of man and individual human rights, in China as elsewhere.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Williams".

Richard Williams  
Director, Office of Chinese and  
Mongolian Affairs

Ms. Alison Pearl  
Apartment 64,  
142 West 44th Street,  
New York, New York.

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REFERRAL

OCTOBER 16, 1987

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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ID: 533929

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED OCTOBER 6, 1987

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. ALISON PEARL  
142 WEST 44TH STREET  
APARTMENT 64  
NEW YORK NY 10036

SUBJECT: REGARDING CONDITIONS IN TIBET

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN  
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE  
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE  
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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE



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October 6, 1987

President Ronald Reagan  
The Oval Office  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington D.C., N.W.

Dear Mr. President,

I just returned from a three month visit to the People's Republic of China. I spent the last four weeks in Tibet. During that time I traveled extensively throughout central Tibet and then left overland through the south to Nepal. I was fortunate to travel with a Tibetan speaking western doctor. I visited among other places the monasteries of Ganden, Drepung, Sera, and of course spent many days at the Jokhang (including several days of a festival), and at the Potala Palace. I visited pilgrimage sights and one nunnery.

Every Tibetan we spoke with told similar, deeply affecting tales of male family members imprisoned and tortured, beaten and starved for periods of time between seven (that was the least I ever heard) and twenty-two years. The last week I was there we ran into a friend, a Tibetan monk who lives in a Nepalese monastery. He and his sister ( a Los Angeles native these days) were visiting his brother who had just been released from seven years (i.e. 1980-1987) in Lhasa Prison as a political prisoner. He had had his ankles and wrists manacled to each other for weeks at a time. He told us there are still 302 political prisoners in Lhasa prison and unknown numbers scattered throughout penal institutions in Tibet. The Chinese claim all political detainees were released in 1980. This is simply not the case; Chinese truth. Because I had spent two months in China prior to my Tibet sojourn I was no longer shocked by the tales I heard. I knew they were not exaggerations. The personal atrocities and methods of physical and mental torture were the classic Chinese methods Chinese had described to me who were incarcerated before or during the Eleven Years (formerly known as the Cultural Revolution). I visited autonomous regions in the south of China, but nothing prepared me for the range and breadth of oppression in Tibet. As an average tourist who has traveled extensively in Asia, Africa, Central America, Brazil, etc., I can tell you this is no normal situation. It is ghastly, it is inhuman. It cannot be condoned in any way by our government unless we are ruled by madmen. If you would like further details, and photographs of Chinese militiamen shock-sticking festival goers, or any other pertinent information please call me anytime.

Sincerely,

*Alison Pearl*  
Alison Pearl (212) 382-3901  
142 W. 44th St. #64  
New York, New York 10036



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MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Human Rights in Tibet, Contributions to the Tibet Fund and targeting U.S. leadership about the plight of people of Tibet.

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Comments: *Do not believe this circular mailing merits direct response. Urges actions, moreover, in direct conflict with Admin policy, i.e. on independent Tibet. D. Paal*

*11/24/87*

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THE OFFICE OF TIBET

107 EAST 31ST STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10016. (212) 213-5010

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OCTOBER 15, 1987

TIBET NEEDS YOU NOW!

DEAR FRIENDS:

WHATEVER YOUR RELATION TO TIBET OR TIBETANS MAY BE, TWO RECENT EVENTS CONVINCED US THAT NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL PERSONS WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH THE PLIGHT OF THE TIBETAN PEOPLE AND THE PRESERVATION OF THE CULTURE AND BUDDHIST TRADITION OF TIBET, TO ACT.

RENEWED CYCLE OF REPRESSION IN TIBET

DURING THE LAST FEW WEEKS THE PLEA OF THE TIBETANS FOR WORLD ATTENTION AND SUPPORT HAS RESULTED IN A RENEWED CYCLE OF CHINESE BRUTALITY; ARRESTS, IMPRISONMENT, TORTURE, AND PUBLIC EXECUTION OF INNOCENT TIBETANS.

WORLD MEDIA AND PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE HAVE BEEN SHOCKED BY THESE DEVELOPMENTS, AND THERE HAS BEEN A GLOBAL CALL FOR TIBETAN SUPPORT.

LEADERSHIP FROM U.S. CONGRESS

THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HAS ALREADY RESPONDED TO TIBET'S CALL FOR HELP WITH TWO IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE AND THE SENATE. IT HAS INSPIRED MANY IN OTHER LEGISLATIVE BODIES IN EUROPE AND ASIA TO DO THE SAME.

THE CONGRESS ALSO WARMLY RECEIVED HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA AND HAS ENDORSED HIS CALL FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE TIBETAN PROBLEM.

UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

THE PRESENT TIME, THEREFORE, IS A RARE AND UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OF US TO MAKE A DIRECT AND PERSONAL IMPACT ON THE SITUATION.

.... 2/- (please turn over)

A PRESENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

WE FEEL THAT NOW IS A CRUCIAL TIME TO ESTABLISH A PRESENCE FOR TIBET IN THE U.S. CAPITAL. AN OFFICE WILL BE SET UP TO COORDINATE A CAMPAIGN FOR TIBET; TO EDUCATE THE LEADERSHIP OF THE U.S. AND THE REST OF THE WORLD, AND TO CHANNEL ALL THE POSITIVE SYMPATHIES INTO CONCRETE ACTION.

OUR EFFORTS WILL ALSO INCLUDE WORK WITH NON-GOVERMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK IN THE FIELDS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY, LAW ETC.

IF TIBET IS TO BE SAVED

WE ARE AT A TURNING POINT IF TIBET IS TO BE SAVED, ITS PEOPLE AND CULTURE PRESERVED, AND THE BUDDHIST TRADITIONS CONTINUED.

HELP US IMMEDIATELY!

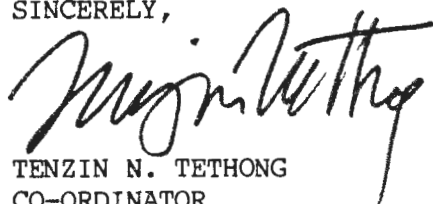
ALTHOUGH ONE CANNOT RULE IT OUT, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT WE WILL RECEIVE ANY MAJOR FUNDING FROM CORPORATIONS OR FOUNDATIONS RIGHT AWAY. BUT OUR OFFICE IN WASHINGTON WILL BEGIN TO FUNCTION ONCE YOU, AS INDIVIDUALS SEND IN WHATEVER YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE. THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY.

TIME DOES NOT ALLOW US TO PACKAGE AND MAIL THIS IN AN ORGANIZED MANNER. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REPRODUCE THIS AND DISTRIBUTE IT AS WIDELY AS POSSIBLE, AND ENCOURAGE ALL YOUR FRIENDS TO SEND IN SOMETHING.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE, ALTHOUGH I HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED TO HEAD THE TIBETAN UNIVERSITY PROJECT, MY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE NEXT YEAR IS TO COORDINATE THIS CAMPAIGN FOR TIBET.

THANKING YOU,

SINCERELY,



TENZIN N. TETHONG  
CO-ORDINATOR  
CAMPAIGN FOR TIBET  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

OCTOBER 8, 1987

# The New York Times

Founded in 1851

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## Stand Up for Decency in Tibet

Don't be too supportive of the uprising in Tibet, the State Department insists, for it comes just as China has been easing a tradition of repression. Reacting to Congressional condemnation of Beijing, the Reagan Administration points out that too much empathy for the Tibetans and too little for China's policy will undercut that moderation. But if China's Tibet policy offends somewhat less, it continues to offend. Washington's failure to say so will surely not improve the situation.

China declares that when it invaded the isolated kingdom of Tibet in 1950, it brought modernity and respected at least the nominal autonomy of a 2,000-year-old feudal theocracy at the "roof of the world." Within the decade that proved to be a cruel fiction. Tibet's temporal and spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, fled to Indian sanctuary.

Tibet suffered disastrously from extremism in Chinese politics in the 1960's. Yak herders were driven into collectives, and barley farmers forced to plant wheat, unsuited to the high Tibetan plateau. Starvation ensued. More than a million people died in work camps and more than 6,000 monasteries were destroyed, their icons and paintings looted and sold.

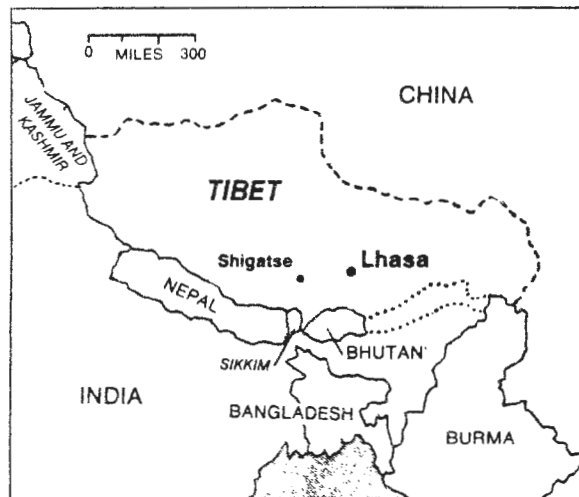
Then in the late 1970's, Hu Yaobang, the party leader purged earlier this year, made a public apology and launched a new strategy, including negotiations with the Dalai Lama. Talks broke down over a plebiscite. Cynics said it had all been a sham to make China look conciliatory during negotiations over Hong Kong.

A policy of settlement followed, in which Chinese were lured to Tibet by triple the normal pay, settlement grants and new apartment blocks. The Chinese influx was accompanied by an easing of religious repression and the reconstruction of some ruined monasteries. Yet with Chinese in the historic territory of Tibet now outnumbering Tibetans by 7.5 million to 6 million, Tibetans today are an underclass in their own homeland. Their life expectancy is more than 20 years below the Chinese average, 70 percent are illiterate, the annual per capita income is \$110. Their resentment and fear of cultural destruction motivate their protests even in the face of predictable reactionary crackdown.

The Tibetans have every right to aspire to the

independence of their earlier history. But Beijing's interests are not easily ignored. The Tibetan plateau constitutes fully one fourth of China's land mass, rich with unexploited resources, strategically set on the tense border with India. And giving in to the nationalism of one minority must be a fearful prospect in the face of similar stirrings in Manchuria, Mongolia and elsewhere.

There is, however, space between status quo and independence. A Tibet policy Washington could support in good conscience would ease off the resettlement program and end the remaining religious repression. Then it would devise a way to give Ti-



betans a voice without sacrificing vital Chinese interests. Perhaps a model could be found in India's arrangements with adjoining entities such as Nepal, Sikkim and Bhutan. Bhutan, for example, controls its domestic affairs while ceding foreign relations to India.

Yet the U.S. State Department hesitates, shortsightedly, to speak up for decency. True, there are Chinese officials who, believing that a little bit of freedom is costly, now feel vindicated by Tibet's protests. But they could be reminded that less freedom would be even costlier. A China that wants the world to believe that Hong Kong or even Taiwan could thrive under the Chinese flag must first prove it in Tibet.

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(a) THE OFFICE OF TIBET  
107 EAST 31ST STREET  
NEW YORK, NY 10016

(TEL: 212 213 5010)  
(Please earmark gifts to Campaign for Tibet)

IF YOU NEED A TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION TO MAKE YOUR  
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(B) THE TIBET FUND  
107 EAST 31ST STREET  
NEW YORK, NY 10016

(ALONG WITH DONATIONS (for Tibet Fund) PLEASE SPECIFY THAT  
CONTRIBUTION SHOULD BE USED FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS OR  
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Please put me on the CAMPAIGN FOR TIBET mailing list ( )

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 29, 1988

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. RINCHEN DHARLO

SUBJECT: REQUESTS ACTION TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THE  
PARTICIPANTS IN THE TIBETAN YOUTH CONGRESS  
HUNGER STRIKE LAUNCHED ON MAR 17 88

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S/S 8810854

Date April 14, 1988

**FOR:** Mr. Paul Schott Stevens  
Executive Secretary  
National Security Council  
The White House

**REFERENCE:**

To: President Ronald Reagan

From: Mr. Rinchen Dharlo

Date: March 21, 1988

Subject: Tibetan Youth Congress hunger strike on  
March 17, 1988 regarding human rights in Tibet

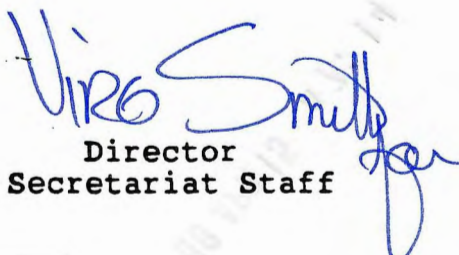
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**REMARKS:**

  
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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

April 14, 1988

Mr. Rinchen Dharlo  
The Office of Tibet  
107 East 31st Street  
New York, NY 10016


Dear Mr. Dharlo:

I am responding to your letter of March 21 to President Reagan urging him to take action to support human rights in Tibet.

This Administration strongly opposes human rights abuses in Tibet and we have made this clear to the Chinese. For example, consistent with our world-wide policy on human rights, Secretary Shultz raised the issue of Tibet in his talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian in March. We have made other appropriate diplomatic representations both here and in Beijing on the disturbances which took place last October and March of this year.

We will continue to take into account progress on human rights in our dealings with the People's Republic of China, and to do all we can to urge respect for the dignity of man and individual human rights in China and elsewhere in the world.

Sincerely yours,

  
M. Bart Flaherty  
Office of Chinese and  
Mongolian Affairs

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APRIL 5, 1988

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MARCH 21, 1988

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. RINCHEN DHARLO  
REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS HOLINESS  
THE DALAI LAMA  
THE OFFICE OF TIBET  
107 EAST 31ST STREET  
NEW YORK NY 10016

SUBJECT: REQUESTS ACTION TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THE  
PARTICIPANTS IN THE TIBETAN YOUTH CONGRESS  
HUNGER STRIKE LAUNCHED ON MAR 17 88

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THE OFFICE OF TIBET

107 EAST 31ST STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10016. (212) 213-5010

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March 21, 1988

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Tibetan Youth Congress launched a hunger strike on March 17, 1988, 3:30 Greenwich Mean Time (9 a.m. India Standard Time), in front of the United Nations Information Center in Delhi, India. The first group of Tibetans on strike includes 15 people: 4 women, one monk, and 10 men. The oldest among them is 58 years old and the youngest is 22 years old. Many more volunteers have enlisted themselves in the hunger strike, as well. The second group will join the first sometime next week.

We urge you to take action to save the lives of these Tibetans and to support human rights in Tibet.

The demands of the hunger strikers are as follows:

1. The immediate release of political prisoners arrested in Tibet since September 27, 1987.
2. The United Nations is requested to send an international tribunal to investigate the number of Tibetans killed, wounded and imprisoned since September 27, 1987.
3. The United Nations is requested to prevail on China to:
  - a.) permit amnesty international and other Non-Governmental Organizations to investigate human rights violations in Tibet;
  - b.) permit foreign journalists to work in Tibet;
  - c.) release all other political prisoners in Tibet since 1959.

The Tibetan Youth Congress has also drafted a letter enumerating the above demands and requesting that immediate action be taken. Copies of these letters were sent to world leaders and regional officials.

Sincerely yours,

Rinchen Dharlo  
Representative of  
HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA



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**OFFICE OF THE REPRESENTATIVE (IN LADAKH)**

**COUNCIL FOR HOME AFFAIRS OF HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA  
SOENAM-LING TIBETAN SETTLEMENT**

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Our reference :

Dated : **5th October, 87.**

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**His Excellency  
Secretary General  
UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION  
New York, N.Y. 10017  
U. S. A.**

Your Excellency,

Once again we approach Your Excellency to draw your kind attention to the continued suffering of the people of Tibet and to their just struggle for independence.

Recent visit of H.H. the Dalai Lama to America which shocked the world, especially Chinese leaders in Tibet. Therefore, the Red Chinese have strongly opposed the visit of H.H. the Dalai Lama to America. The main reason of the H.H. the Dalai Lama's visit to America to seek the Human Rights and self-determination of our 6 million Tibetans and thus, our people in Tibet revolt against the Chinese opposed policy of the recent visit of H.H. the Dalai Lama to America. For this matter the Chinese killed 6 our country fellowmen in Tibet recently. We, the Tibetan settlers in Ladakh area condemned the recent killing of our 6 brothers. The Human Rights and self-determination are even needed for the Chinese people also. As such, we shall continue our struggle for Human Rights and self-determination against the Chinese unlawfully occupation of Tibet. We shall continue to split our warm blood for the cause of our independence.

We call upon Your Excellency as the Secretary General of United Nations Organisation to urgently support the cause of Tibetan people and prevail upon the government of China to stop the killing of our brothers and sisters and to restore to the people of Tibet their rightful independence.

With humble respects and my prayers,

Yours sincerely,

NSC # 8707782

*H. H. Gyaltzen*  
CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE,  
Council for Home Affairs of  
H. H. The Dalai Lama,  
Tibetan Settlements,  
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CC to:-

- 1. His Excellency,  
Mr. Ronald Reagan,  
President of U.S.A. --- for information and necessary action.

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2. His Excellency,  
Mr. R. Venkataraman  
President of India  
New Delhi --- for kind information and necessary action.
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Mr. Rajiv Gandhi  
Prime Minister of India  
New Delhi --- for kind information and necessary action.
4. The Hon'ble Speaker  
Raj Sabha  
Parliament House  
New Delhi --- for kind information and necessary action.
5. Hon'ble Balram Jakhur  
The Speaker  
Lok Sabha  
Parliament House  
New Delhi --- for kind information and necessary action.
6. Mr. Anand Sharma  
President, All India Youth Congress  
New Delhi --- for kind information and necessary action.
7. Mr. Chandra Shekar  
President of All India Janata Party  
New Delhi --- for kind information and necessary action.
8. Mr. J.K. Mupanna  
President of All India Ruling Congress Committee  
New Delhi --- for kind information and necessary action.
9. Chinese Embassy, New Delhi --- for information only.
10. American Embassy, New Delhi --- for information and necessary action.
11. Tibetan Youth Wing, Lhasa, Tibet --- for information and necessary action.
12. Tibetan Youth Association, Switzerland --- for information and necessary action.
13. Office of Tibet, New York, U.S.A. --- for kind information and necessary action.
14. Ven. Panchen Rinpoche, Peking, China --- for kind information and necessary action.
15. Mr. Ngabo Nawang Jigme, Peking, China --- for kind information and necessary action.
16. Tibetan Youth Congress, Dharamsala --- for kind information and necessary action.
17. Tibetan Women's Association, Dharamsala --- for kind information and necessary action.
18. Indo-Tibetan Friendship Society, New Delhi --- for kind information and necessary action.

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FROM GYALTSSEN, L

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John Tuck:

Please note attached  
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last talked, State had  
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with him, which he missed  
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1. (c) - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM CONGRESSMAN ROSE'S (D., N.C.) OFFICE, HA DAS FARRAND, ACCOMPANIED BY THE ACTING HA/EAP OFFICER AND EAP/CM OFFICER, MET WITH LODI GYARI, A MEMBER OF THE DALAI LAMA'S GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE'S CABINET ON APRIL 29. GYARI WAS ACCOMPANIED BY TENZIN TETHONG, FORMER HEAD OF THE OFFICE OF TIBET IN NEW YORK AND MICHAEL VAN WALT, A LEGAL ADVISER TO THE TIBETAN EXILE COMMUNITY. THE MEETING TOOK PLACE OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT IN A LOCAL HOTEL.
3. LODI GYARI, WHO HAS BEEN TRAVELLING WITH THE DALAI LAMA DURING HIS EUROPEAN TRIP, SOUGHT USG SUPPORT FOR THE DALAI LAMA'S FIVE POINT PEACE PLAN WHICH WAS UNVEILED IN WASHINGTON IN SEPTEMBER 1997. HE SAID THERE HAS BEEN "NO REAL PROGRESS" IN THE ONGOING DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE DALAI LAMA AND BEIJING. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE PANCHEN LAMA'S STATEMENT THAT THE DALAI LAMA COULD LIVE IN TIBET, HE FIRST DISMISSED THE POINT SAYING THAT THE ISSUE WAS THE STATUS OF TIBET, NOT THE FUTURE RESIDENCE OF THE DALAI LAMA. HOWEVER, WHEN FARRAND PRESSED THE POINT, CHARACTERIZING IT AS A REAL CHANGE OF POSITION, GYARI CONCEDED THAT IT COULD BE A SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT.
4. IN ARGUING FOR USG SUPPORT FOR THE FIVE POINT PLAN, GYARI STRESSED THAT THE FIFTH POINT (WHICH CALLS FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE STATUS OF TIBET) WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT. HE REITERATED THE DALAI LAMA'S STATEMENT THAT SOMETHING SHORT OF INDEPENDENCE FOR TIBET WAS POSSIBLE. AT THE SAME TIME, GYARI STATED THAT THE DALAI LAMA WAS "VERY WORRIED" THAT THE YOUNGSTERS WHO COMPRISED THE MORE VIOLENT AND RADICAL ELEMENTS OF THE TIBET EXILES WERE BECOMING A PROBLEM BOTH IN AND OUT OF TIBET. GYARI SAID THAT THE TIBETAN YOUTH CONGRESS FEELS THAT IF THE DALAI LAMA ACCEPTS ANYTHING LESS THAN INDEPENDENCE THEN HE HAS "SOLD OUT." STILL, SAID GYARI, "NO TIBETAN WILL EVER GO AGAINST THE DALAI LAMA'S WISH."
5. FARRAND AND EAP/CM DESKOFF EXPLAINED THAT DIRECT USG SUPPORT FOR ANY SPECIFIC PLAN FOR TIBET, WHETHER ADVANCED BY THE DALAI LAMA OR BY BEIJING, WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. OUR POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS HAD BEEN MADE CLEAR TO THE CHINESE AND WE WOULD CONTINUE TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS IN THIS AREA. WE ENCOURAGED A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE DALAI LAMA AND BEIJING, BUT THE CONTENT OF THAT DIALOGUE MUST BE DECIDED BY THE TWO PARTIES. GYARI, SECONDED STRONGLY BY VAN WALT, SAID THAT EVEN A STATEMENT OF USG SUPPORT FOR DIALOGUE WOULD BE AN IMPROVEMENT OVER

WHAT HE PERCEIVED AS A CURRENT "TILT" TOWARD THE PRC.

6. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM EAP/CM DESKOFF, GYARI STATED THAT BEIJING HAD OFFERED TO USE THE "17-POINT AGREEMENT" (SIGNED ON MAY 30, 1951 AND LATER REPUDIATED BY THE DALAI LAMA) AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION ON THE STATUS OF TIBET. GYARI STATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE HAD NOT RESPONDED TO THE CHINESE OFFER. HE DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT THE "17-POINT AGREEMENT" MIGHT BE A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS IF THERE WERE SOME INTERNATIONAL GUARANTORS OF ANY RESULTING AGREEMENT. GYARI SAID THE MATTER WAS STILL UNDER STUDY.

7. FARRAND ASKED FOR GYARI'S ESTIMATION OF THE NUMBER OF TIBETANS NOW UNDER DETENTION, THE NUMBER OF MONASTERIES RESTORED IN TIBET AND THE NUMBER OF MONKS AND NUNS IN TIBET TODAY. GYARI SAID HE DID NOT HAVE FIGURES ON NUMBERS DETAINED OR THE POPULATION OF MONKS AND NUNS AND ASKED TETHONG TO PROVIDE THOSE FIGURES TO THE DEPARTMENT. ON THE NUMBER OF MONASTERIES RESTORED, GYARI SAID THAT "MANY HAD BEEN RESTORED, BUT BY THE TIBETANS THEMSELVES, NOT/NOT THE CHINESE."

8. AS THE MEETING BROKE UP, EAP/CM DESKOFF ASKED GYARI ABOUT THE NEWS REPORT FROM TAIWAN THAT THE DALAI LAMA MIGHT VISIT THERE. GYARI EMPHATICALLY DENIED THAT THE DALAI LAMA HAD ANY PLANS TO VISIT TAIWAN. SHULTZ

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DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 11, 1988

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE MICHAEL E. LOWRY

SUBJECT: WRITES URGING THE ADMINISTRATION'S ACTIVE  
SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN TIBET

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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TRANSMITTAL FORM

For: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens  
Executive Secretary  
National Security Council  
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan  
FROM: The Honorable Michael E. Lowry  
DATE: August 5, 1988  
SUBJECT: Human Rights Abuses in Tibet

WH Referral Dated: August 17, 1988  
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REMARKS:

*Deborah G. Dodgney*  
Director  
Secretariat Staff

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Dear Mr. Lowry:

I am replying further to your letter of August 5 to President Reagan regarding human rights abuses in Tibet.

The U.S. Government strongly opposes human rights abuses in Tibet as it does in the rest of the world. Grave human rights abuses have occurred there, particularly in 1959 at the time of the Tibetan uprising and the flight of the Dalai Lama to India and again during the Cultural Revolution (1966-76). Hundreds of thousands of Tibetans perished in the course of armed clashes with Chinese troops, or from famine, mistreatment, and incarceration. Thousands of others suffered not only physical abuse and hardship, but also from attempts by Red Guards to eradicate Tibet's cultural, linguistic, and religious heritage.

Beginning in 1980, the Chinese publicly recognized their earlier policy and actions had been excessively harsh and adopted somewhat more liberal policies. Since then, a modest improvement of conditions in Tibet has been recognized even by the Dalai Lama.

Recent events have again focussed attention on Tibet. The U.S. Government has deplored the shooting of unarmed demonstrators during a violent demonstration in Lhasa on October 1. We have urged the Chinese to exercise restraint in order to avoid future bloodshed. We have protested the Chinese expulsion of Western journalists from Lhasa and have urged that reporters be readmitted. For example, Secretary Shultz raised the issue of Tibet in his talks with then Chinese Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian in March. Most recently, Ambassador Lord, in his August 4-10 visit to Tibet, expressed our human rights concerns including the status and treatment of prisoners. He also urged regional leaders to give journalists, tourists, and foreign diplomats more access to Tibet.

The U.S. Government considers Tibet to be a part of China, with the status of an autonomous region. At no time has the United States, or any other country, recognized Tibet as a sovereign state independent of China.

The Honorable  
Michael E. Lowry,  
House of Representatives.

The U.S. Government will continue to do all it can to encourage respect for the dignity of man and individual human rights in China.

Sincerely,



William M. Thornberry  
Acting Assistant Secretary  
Legislative Affairs

## THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

## REFERRAL

AUGUST 17, 1988

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE MICHAEL E. LOWRY  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON DC 20515

SUBJECT: WRITES URGING THE ADMINISTRATION'S ACTIVE  
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SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

August 12, 1988

Dear Congressman:

Thank you for your letter of August 5 regarding the issue of human rights in Tibet.

We appreciate being advised of your interest in this matter. In an effort to be of assistance, we have forwarded your letter to appropriate Administration officials for their careful review. You will receive a more detailed response in the near future.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

Alan M. Kranowitz  
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Mike Lowry  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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cc: w/copy of inc to Ed Fox, Congressional Affairs, State --  
for DIRECT

MIKE LOWRY  
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# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

COMMITTEES:  
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August 5, 1988

The Honorable Ronald W. Reagan  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to urge your active support for human rights in Tibet. Reliable reports indicate that authorities of the People's Republic of China have consistently failed to uphold internationally recognized standards of human rights in Tibet, in violation of China's commitments under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

I believe that it is in the best interest of the United States and world peace for our government to maintain friendly relations with the People's Republic of China. Accordingly, I support the efforts by you and your predecessors to foster improved relations with China. Increased trade, cultural exchanges, and other bilateral ties benefit both nations and can lead to improved human rights protections throughout the People's Republic of China.

I am aware that, in several respects, conditions in Tibet have improved in recent years. Some monasteries have been restored, more Tibetan language publications are available, and restrictions on some religious festivals have been reduced.

These developments are welcome, but I believe that the U.S. government must not now remain silent given the compelling evidence of continuing human rights abuses in Tibet. I therefore urge you to raise, at the highest levels, U.S. concern about interference with the practice of the Tibetan Buddhist religion; our objections to limits on freedom of assembly and speech for advocates of Tibetan independence; our disapproval of the mistreatment of prisoners of conscience; and our protest of restrictions on access to Tibet by journalists and human rights observers.

According to the human rights organization Asia Watch, the Chinese authorities impose stringent restrictions on the practice of religion in Tibet. These include limits on the restoration of monasteries, on individuals' ability to become monks, on religious festivals, on the offering of prayers for the Dalai Lama, and on the propagation of religion.

The authorities also limit freedom of speech and assembly for advocates of Tibetan independence and supporters of the Dalai Lama. In September and October 1987, peaceful demonstrations were severely repressed. Security forces apparently responded to a March 1988 demonstration with even greater violence, with the result that many demonstrators were killed.



Tibetan prisoners of conscience are detained for long periods without access to relatives or legal assistance. When individuals are brought to trial, the proceedings do not conform to internationally recognized standards. Arbitrary confinement, torture, and extreme forms of punishment are reportedly common.

Another important problem is that the Chinese government has put limits on travel to Tibet by journalists and other interested observers. Pressure from the U.S. government is useful because it may help to guarantee access to Tibet for these individuals.

These practices by the Tibetan authorities clearly violate China's commitments under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. Article 5 of this Treaty guarantees: "the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; the right to freedom of opinion and expression; the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association."

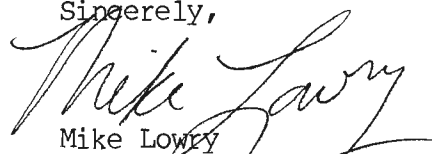
As a party to the International Convention, the United States has an obligation to encourage all other nations to carry out the provisions of this agreement. Accordingly, I ask you to urge the People's Republic of China to ensure that the Tibetan authorities live up to the letter and spirit of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

The U.S. should also encourage China to implement the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which the United Nations General Assembly adopted as a common standard for all nations. Among its provisions, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights provides that no one should be subjected to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment; that no one should be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile; that anyone accused of a crime is entitled to a fair and public hearing by an impartial tribunal; and that everyone is entitled to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; freedom of opinion and expression; and freedom of peaceful assembly and association.

I believe that it is especially urgent for the U.S. government to raise these issues with the Chinese government because recent news reports indicate that that Mr. Qiao Shi, a standing committee member of the Politburo, has stated that the Chinese government has decided to alter its policy toward Tibet from "lenient" to "severe." According to a United Press International story from Beijing, Mr. Qiao told local officials in Tibet that the government of the region must "adopt a policy of merciless repression toward all rebels."

I would very much appreciate your efforts to ensure that our government increases its efforts to bring these issues to the attention of the Chinese government. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Mike Lowry  
Member of Congress

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

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Dear Mr. Neier:

I am responding on behalf of the President to your letter of March 7, in which you expressed your concern about the recent disturbances in Tibet.

This Administration strongly opposes human rights abuses in Tibet, and we have made this clear to the Chinese. For example, consistent with our world-wide policy on human rights, Secretary Shultz raised the issue of Tibet in his talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian earlier this month. In both our public statements and our diplomatic exchanges, we have urged the Chinese Government to permit access of foreign journalists and diplomatic observers to Tibet and some have gone there during the past month. We share your view that it is in the Chinese interest to permit such access.

We will continue to take into account progress on human rights in our dealings with the People's Republic of China, and to do all we can to urge respect for the dignity of man and individual human rights in China and elsewhere in the world.

Sincerely,

*Paul Schott Stevens*

Paul Schott Stevens  
Executive Secretary

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Mr. Aryeh Neier  
Vice Chairman  
X Asia Watch  
739 Eighth Street, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20003

NSC # 8801889

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

March 30, 1988

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS

FROM: DOUGLAS H. PAAL *DP*

SUBJECT: Draft Response to Letter from Asia Watch Regarding Tibet

State (Tab A), at NSC's request, has drafted a response to a letter to the President from Aryeh Neier of Asia Watch (Tab B), regarding human rights abuses in Tibet. The draft response is adequate as a reply to Asia Watch's concerns; it restates USG policy on this sensitive and emotionalized subject.

It is not appropriate for the President to sign the letter. To keep the letter's visibility at the right level and still be associated with the White House, through the NSC, you should sign it as Executive Secretary.

State and James A. Kelly *JK*, Rudolf V. Perina *RP* and Jeremy Curtin *JC* concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter to Aryeh at Tab A.

Approve *DP*

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Aryeh  
Tab B Incoming letter from Aryeh

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8807754

Date March 25, 1988

**FOR:** Mr. Paul Schott Stevens  
Executive Secretary  
National Security Council  
The White House

**REFERENCE:**

To: President Reagan

From: Aryeh Heier

Date: March 7, 1988

Subject: Letter from Asia Watch regarding a report of  
disturbances in Tibet and human rights

WH Referral Dated: March 14, 1988

NSC ID# (if any): 8801887

       The attached item was sent directly to the  
Department of State.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

  x   A draft reply is attached.

       A draft reply will be forwarded.

       A translation is attached.


       An information copy of a direct reply is attached.

       We believe no response is necessary for the reason  
cited below.

       The Department of State has no objection to the  
proposed travel.

       Other (see remarks).

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March 7, 1988

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House

Dear President Reagan:

We write to express our most serious concern about reports of disturbances in Tibet, and to ask that you raise Tibetan human rights issues in your discussions with Chinese Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian on Tuesday. In particular, we strongly request that you urge the Chinese authorities to grant full access for journalists and others who wish to visit the region, and to open up telephone and telex lines to Tibet.

The Chinese authorities have sealed off Tibet to journalists, and have severed telephone and telex lines from Beijing to Lhasa. Thus it has not been possible to confirm details of protests that took place on Saturday. However, as described in the enclosed Asia Watch report, the Chinese authorities have in recent years engaged in a pattern of human rights abuses in Tibet that includes arbitrary arrest, detention without trial, and torture. During and after last autumn's demonstrations in the region, there were reports of the shooting of unarmed demonstrators, hundreds of detentions, mistreatment of detainees, and deaths in custody.

Despite the gravity of these violations, it is generally believed that the presence of foreign observers, and in particular foreign journalists, deterred even greater abuses of human rights. Moreover, foreign observers provided a source of accurate information on events during the September and October unrest.

We believe it is in the Chinese government's interest to permit such access. Keeping the region sealed off to journalists can only lead to legitimate suspicion that the

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government is engaged in the most serious abuses of human rights, and wishes to conceal evidence of such violations. By permitting access, the government would dispel such fears, if indeed they are without merit.

We look forward to hearing from you on this most important matter.

Cordially yours,



Aryeh Neier  
Vice Chairman

President John F. Kennedy  
March 7, 1964  
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history. It has to control evidence of such violence  
by political and economic, the government will fight  
to the end to protect the people without mercy.

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Cordially yours,

*John F. Kennedy*  
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