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1. REFTEL'S INFORMATION WAS WELCOME. THE ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS ASKED ARE KEYED TO THE NUMBERS USED IN REFTEL:

- (1) PETER SUN CONFIRMED THE AVAILABILITY OF ALL
ITEMS NECESSARY FOR THE TURKEY MENU.

- (2) DOUBLE-CHECKING REVEALED THAT THE HOTEL'S
TABLES SEAT TEN, NOT TWELVE AS PER REFTEL. THERE ARE
ENOUGH TABLES TO ACCOMMODATE THE TOTAL OF 600 WITHOUT
UNTOWARD CROWDING EXCEPT FOR THE QUESTION OF WHERE TO
PUT THE MEDIA. (I SAW THE BALLROOM WITH ALL TABLES AND
CHAIRS IN PLACE, INCLUDING THE HEAD TABLE SET FOR
FOURTEEN.) SEE PARA TWO (D) BELOW.

- (3) CHINESE NAMES SHOULD BE PRINTED IN CHINESE
CHARACTERS TO AVOID PROBLEMS WITH HOMOPHONES. WE CAN
HAVE STAFF READY TO ADDRESS ENVELOPES, COMPLETE PLACE
CARDS (WHAT ARE ESCORT ENVELOPES?), PROVIDED WE CAN GET
THEM HERE BY APRIL 15. ALSO, BECAUSE OF THE CHANCE OF
CALLIGRAPHIC ERROR OR INELEGANCE, PLEASE INSURE THAT AT
LEAST EIGHT HUNDRED SETS ARE AVAILABLE. THIS WOULD
ALSO ALLOW FOR LAST MINUTE REGRETS AND SUBSTITUTES.
OUR SUGGESTED NAME LIST WILL BE READY FOR YOU BY MARCH
21 UNLESS THERE ARE MAJOR GLITCHES. THOUGH WE WILL
CONTINUE TO TRY IT NOW APPEARS UNLIKELY WE WILL BE ABLE
TO GET THE WELCOME BANQUET LIST BEFORE MID-APRIL.

- (4) I HAVE ADVISED PETER SUN THAT THE CALIFORNIA
WINES ARE BEING SELECTED AND WILL BE TRANSPORTED. WILL
THEY COME WITH OR BEFORE HE ADVANCE PARTY?

- (5) SUN ASSURED ME THE HOTEL HAS SUFFICIENT TABLE
NUMBER STANCHEONS TO IDENTIFY EACH TABLE. HOWEVER,
WHEN PRESSED TO SHOW ME SAMPLES, HE ADMITTED THAT THEY
HAD ON HAND SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF A SMALLER SET OF
NUMBERS AND WERE GOING TO ORDER FROM PARIS A LARGER SET
OF STANCHEONS (APPROXIMATELY TWO FEET HIGH). I WILL
VIEW BOTH KINDS WITH SAMPLE SETTINGS ON THURSDAY MARCH

15. FROM THE DESCRIPTIONS GIVEN SO FAR, THE SMALLER
NUMBERS MAY BE BETTER.

- (6) IF THE REAGANS PREFER SHOW TUNES FROM
GERSHWIN, BERLIN, AND RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN, THE MAIN

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PROBLEMS I FORESEE WILL BE FINDING ADEQUATE SPACE AT THE BANQUET HALL AND OBTAINING SHEET MUSIC IN TIME FOR ADEQUATE PRACTICE. THE COMPOSERS CHOSEN ARE NOT COMMONLY FEATURED IN CHINA. I AM TOLD THERE IS NO SHEET MUSIC IN BEIJING FOR THOSE COMPOSERS, BUT THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE IS TRYING TO TRACK SOME DOWN. THE MUSICIANS' PLATFORM WILL HOLD ONLY FIVE CHAIRS AND I WONDER WHETHER FIVE ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENTS WOULD GIVE THE FLAVOR OF THOSE COMPOSERS, ESPECIALLY IF THE MUSICIANS WERE NOT USED TO PERFORMING THOSE PIECES. THE MOST WORKABLE AND ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE AND BY FAR THE EASIEST TO CONTROL IS TO USE THE NEW STEINWAY THE HOTEL HAS JUST ACQUIRED TO DO MEDLEYS. THE PLATFORM WOULD JUST HOLD THE ELEGANT PIANO. ACOUSTICS WOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM: THE NEIGHBORING TABLES WOULD STILL BE ABLE TO CARRY ON CONVERSATIONS, AND THE SHEET MUSIC AND PRACTICE PROBLEMS WOULD BE BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL. I HAVE LISTENED TO ONE PIANIST, AND SHE WAS GOOD. I WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED WITH ACTUAL SELECTIONS FOR PRACTICE BEFORE YOU ARRIVE SO YOU COULD MAKE A FINAL DECISION. IF YOU FEEL THE PIANO OPTION IS GOOD -- I FEEL IT WOULD SOLVE THE ENTERTAINMENT PROBLEM NEATLY AND EFFICIENTLY -- THEN I WILL ASK THE GREAT WALL TO PROVIDE THE MUSIC UNLESS THE WHITE HOUSE WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE IT. COULD YOU BRING THE MUSIC WITH YOU? HOBGOOD-BROWN WAS SURE THEY COULD COURIER IT IN IF NECESSARY. WE DID NOT TALK PRICE.

2. RELATED MATTERS FOR DECISION/ACTION.

- A. AUTHORIZATION. PETER SUN ASKED WHETHER THE GREAT WALL HAS NOW BEEN "OFFICIALLY" CHOSEN. AND IF SO, FOR SOMETHING IN WRITING SO STATING.
 - B. PUBLICITY. HOBGOOD-BROWN WONDERED WHETHER THE
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FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF THE CHOICE OF THE HOTEL COULD BE
USED IN PART AT LEAST TO HELP ANSWER THE MANY PRESS
INQUIRIES THEY'RE FIELDING (SHE ASSURED THAT NO STATE-
MENTS WOULD BE MADE TO THE PRESS AT ANY TIME WITHOUT
EMBASSY AND/OR WHITE HOUSE CLEARANCE).
- C. SEATING AND INVITATIONS. THE HOTEL ACTUALLY
HAS ONLY ONE LARGER TABLE THAT SEATS FOURTEEN AND TWO
THAT SEAT TWELVE, COMFORTABLY THOUGH WITHOUT A LOT OF
ELBOW ROOM. THE QUESTION OF TABLE ARRANGEMENT THEN
BECOMES ACUTE DEPENDING ON WHOM WE ARE INVITING. IF WE
INVITE BOTH STATE AND PARTY VIPS -- AND THEY COME --
THEN IT WILL BE A DELICATE BUT MANAGEABLE BIT OF
PROTOCOL TO ARRANGE THE TOP ONE, TWO OR THREE TABLES.
WE CAN OF COURSE REQUEST THAT THE HOTEL FIND TABLES TO
MEET OUR SEATING ARRANGEMENT, BUT AN EARLY DECISION ON
WHETHER TO INVITE PARTY AND MILITARY VIPS WILL HELP
US. (MFA PROTOCOL WOULD GIVE NO HINT AS TO WHETHER
THEY WOULD COME IF INVITED, PROBABLY BECAUSE THEY DO
NOT KNOW.) THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN IS HOSTING A STATE
BANQUET IS NOT IN ITSELF PERSUASIVE ARGUMENT NOT TO
INCLUDE PARTY LEADERS, GIVEN THE LEADERSHIP POSITION
ALLOTTED THE PARTY IN THE STATE CONSTITUTION. MY OWN
RECOMMENDATION IS TO INVITE THE MOST INFLUENTIAL
CHINESE, REGARDLESS OF ORGANIZATIONAL CHARTS. BUT TO DO
IT QUIETLY AND EARLY ENOUGH TO ADJUST EITHER WAY.
- D. TV/PHOTOGRAPHERS/OTHER MEDIA PLACEMENT. IF
ONE-THIRD OF THE GREAT HALL IS USED BY LARRY SPEAKES
AND THE PRESS AS HEADQUARTERS, THE PROBLEM OF WHERE TO
PUT CAMERAS, ETC., DURING THE BANQUET BECOMES POTEN-
Tially ACUTE. THERE IS NOT MUCH ROOM. ONE SOLUTION IS
TO PUT THE NON-CAMERA RELATED MEDIA IN THE SIMULTANEOUS
TRANSLATION BOOTHS OVERLOOKING THE HALL. THEY WOULD
HOLD ABOUT FIFTY JOURNALISTS WHO COULD SEE AND HEAR BUT
WHO THEMSELVES WOULD NOT BE SEEN OR HEARD. THE GLASS
COVERING THE BOOTHS IS TINTED, SO PHOTOGRAPHY WOULDN'T
WORK FROM THAT HEIGHT AND DISTANCE. ALSO I DO NOT KNOW
WHAT THE SECRET SERVICE WOULD SAY. THE CAMERA-RELATED
MEDIA THEN COULD BE GIVEN A SMALL PLATFORM OPPOSITE AND
DIRECTLY IN LINE WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL TABLE. A LESS
ATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO LEAVE OPEN TWO
PANELS OF THE PARTITION SEPARATING THE SPEAKES/PRESS

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THIRD OF THE BALLROOM FROM THE BANQUET AREA, THUS PROVIDING A COUPLE OF PHOTO "WINDOWS" IN THE MOVABLE WALL. THE MUSICIAN(S) COULD GO TO ONE OF THE CORNERS.

- E. FUNDING. WHO IS PAYING FOR MUSICIANS, ORCHESTRAL OR PIANO SCORES, ACQUISITION AND SHIPMENT - AND ANY EXTRA COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE BANQUET, ETC.? HOW AND WHEN WILL THEY BE PAID? FISCAL DATA?

- F. FLOWERS AND CENTERPIECES. THE HOTEL WILL DEMONSTRATE SEVERAL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDING TWO OR THREE CHOICES OF POTTED PLANTS IN BASKETS FOR MARCH

15. THEY'VE ASKED FOR A NARROWING OF THE OPTIONS SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO BUY 60 SETS OF EVERYTHING. I WAS TOLD YOU PREFERRED THE POTTED DAISIES IN A BASKET. PLEASE CONFIRM BEFORE MARCH 15 OR INDICATE DEGREE OF LEEWAY. I AM A POTTED GERANIUM MAN MYSELF.

- G. RECEIVING LINE. AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, AT PRESIDENT NIXON'S RECIPROCAL DINNER HE GREETED ABOUT 100 GUESTS WHO WERE ASSEMBLED IN A U-SHAPED RECEIVING LINE WHICH ENDED NEAR HIS TABLE. IF THE PRESIDENT IS COMING OUT OF THE AMCHAM GREETING SESSION, HIS TWO OPTIONS FOR GETTING TO THE GRAND BALLROOM EACH INVOLVES APPROXIMATELY 135 PACES AND BRINGS HIM TO THE SAME POINT. HE COULD:

- (1) GREET ANY NUMBER OF GUESTS OUTSIDE THE BALLROOM IN A U-SHAPED LINE ENDING AT THE ENTRANCE

- (2) ENTER THE ROOM AFTER ALL THE GUESTS WERE IN PLACE GREETING PEOPLE AT TABLES ALONG THE PATH TO HIS TABLE (EASIER TO TELEVISION THAN OPTION (1))

- (3) ACCOMPANIED ONLY BY MRS. REAGAN ENTER DIRECTLY TO THE MAIN TABLE IN THE CENTER OF THE ROOM WITH ALL OTHERS ALREADY IN PLACE

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- (4) ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. REAGAN AND HIS GUEST
OF HONOR (WITH OR WITHOUT SPOUSE) PROCEED DIRECTLY TO
THE MAIN TABLE (ALSO VERY EASILY TELEVISED/PHOTO-
GRAPHED).

- (5) THE ENTIRE FIRST TABLE ENTERS ENSEMBLE,
LED BY THE PRESIDENT AND PREMIER AND SPOUSE/SPOUSES.
THERE IS NO ROOM INSIDE THE BALLROOM FOR A RECEIVING
LINE.

MY RECOMMENDATION IS (5).

- H. NOMENCLATURE. WHAT TERMINOLOGY SHALL BE
OFFICIAL: "RECIPROCAL DINNER"? "RETURN BANQUET"?
"DEPARTURE DINNER BANQUET"? SO FAR WE HAVE ONLY USED
THE FIRST PHRASE.

- I. A PODIUM OF ACCEPTABLE HEIGHT IS AVAILABLE FOR
PLACEMENT NEAR THE FIRST TABLE FOR TOASTS AND MICRO-
PHONES ARE EASILY ARRANGED FOR PRINCIPAL AND INTER-
PRETER. VISIBILITY FROM ANYWHERE IN THE BALLROOM IS
EASY. SO A RAISED PLATFORM WOULD NOT SEEM TO BE
REQUIRED FOR THE TOASTS. CLICKING GLASSES WITH THE
PREMIER WOULD BE EASILY ACCOMPLISHED IN TWO STEPS.
IT'S OBVIOUSLY THE PRESIDENT'S OPTION WHETHER HE WOULD
LIKE TO TOUCH GLASSES WITH OTHERS AT THE HEAD AND OTHER
TABLES OR SIMPLY CONFINE HIS GESTURE TO HIS GUEST OF
HONOR. I THINK THAT'S TRUE EVEN IF PRESIDENT LI
XIANNIAN, CHAIRMAN HU YAOPANG OR CHAIRMAN DENG XIAOPING
WERE INVITED AND ATTENDED. ALTHOUGH IT WOULD CERTAINLY
BE APPROPRIATE TO TOUCH GLASSES WITH THE CHINESE GUESTS
AT THE FIRST TWO OR THREE TABLES, AS PRESIDENT NIXON
DID, PRESIDENT REAGAN WOULD NOT BE CONSTRAINED BY THAT
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