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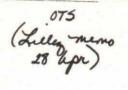
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 29, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: JIM LILLEY

SUBJECT: Chinese Forcibly Detain Potential Defector

A Chinese ballet dancer, Li Chunxin, was with the Houston Ballet as a visitor from China. He secretly married one of his fellow ballet dancers, an American, and wanted to remain in the United States. Last night, April 28, he went to the Chinese Consulate-General in Houston with several eminent Houstonians to declare his intention to stay in the U.S. In the middle of the meeting, the Chinese forcibly removed him and he has not been seen since. The prominent Houstonians are staging a sit-in at the Consulate-General and have had a lawyer, Mr. Charles Foster, submit a writ of habeas corpus on the Chinese Consulate-General in Houston.

COMMENT:

This is all we have to date and we are checking on the status. If this situation persists, it would be a serious affront to the United States and the Chinese must bend on this one. The State Department is in touch with the Chinese Embassy in Washington and presumably is registering our extreme displeasure.

CHINESE BALLET DANCER (LI)

REQUEST TO REMAIN IN THE U. S.

Are you aware that a Chinese ballet dancer is being held in the Chinese Consulate-General in Houston against his will and what are you doing about it?

A:

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Yes, I am aware of the basic facts in this case which we take very seriously. The State Department is in urgent communication with the Chinese Embassy on this matter and we hope and expect that this issue will be solved quickly without further incident.

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MEMORANDUM





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FROM:

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RICHARD V. ALLEN JIM LILLEY

SUBJECT:

Chinese Invitation to You and Mike Deaver

This memorandum contains an invitation from the Chinese to you and Mike Deaver to come to the Embassy for dinner on either 27, 28 or 29 May. I strongly recommend that you do this and encourage Mike Deaver to attend.

On 30 April, Counsellor Cao of the Chinese Embassy phoned me and said the Chinese very much wanted to invite you, Mike Deaver and me to the Embassy for a friendly, informal dinner on either 27, 28 or 29 May -- our choice of dates. The Chinese mentioned that Mike Deaver was interested in archaeology and Chinese antiquities, and they would have a special showing for him. The Chinese are most anxious to impress you and Mike Deaver favorably.

We have never responded to their request to see you and Ed Meese (my memo dated 4/15/81 - Tab A), nor have we responded to their request for political exchanges with the NSC staff (my memo dated 4/27/81 - Tab B). This is another move on their part to reach key people and establish a personal relationship. I believe we should do this because it would muffle the effects of the moves we intend to make to upgrade our relations with Taiwan. Also, the Houston caper, where the Chinese initially looked bad, seems to have been settled amicably in our favor. They backed down and it is important that they have some face.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve this dinner with the Chinese and authorize me to set up a date. If you approve, that you contact Mike Deaver for his participation.

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