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April 20, 1984

Dear Mr. Tethong:

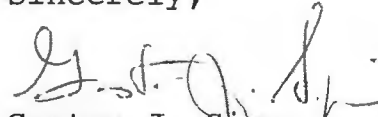
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Thank you for bringing the Dalai Lama's concerns to our attention.

Sincerely,


Gaston J. Sigur
Special Assistant
to the President

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Mr. Tenzin N. Tethong
Representative of
His Holiness The Dalai Lama
The Office of Tibet
801 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10017

NSC # 8402932



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S # 8410705

Date April 18, 1984

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: Dr. Gaston Sigur From: Tenzin N. Tethong
Date: April 3, 1984 Subject: Tibet - Dalai Lama

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 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.

Remarks:

Attached is a reply from Dr. Sigur to Mr. Tethong. A reply from the President to the Dalai Lama would not be appropriate.

James S. Albright
Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

Suggested Reply

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Gaston Sigur

Mr. Tenzin N. Tethong,

Representative of

HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA,

The Office of Tibet,

801 Second Avenue,

New York, New York.

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DATE: 10 APR 84

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TO: PRESIDENT

SOURCE: DALAI LAMA

DATE: 10 MAR 84

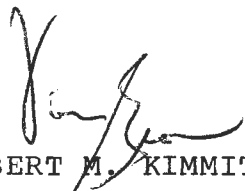
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COMMENTS.


FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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April 3, 1984

Dr. Gaston Sigur
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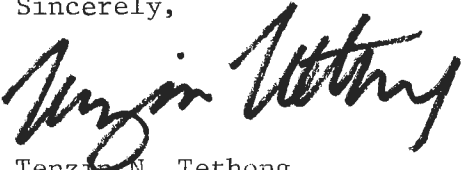
Dear Dr. Sigur:

I have the honor to forward to you a letter from His Holiness the Dalai Lama addressed to President Reagan.

When I received this letter from His Holiness' Office in India, I was instructed to present this personally to the President if possible. I consulted with Mr Carl Gershman of the United States Mission to the U.N., and Mr Gershman suggested that I talk to you. At your suggestion I am sending this by special mail to your office. It is my understanding that His Holiness has written this letter to bring to the President's attention certain matters concerning Tibet prior to his visit to the People's Republic of China.

We would appreciate it greatly if you would present this to President Reagan before he embarks on his visit to China.

With my very best wishes,

Sincerely,

Tenzin N. Tethong
Representative of
HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA

P.S. I am also sending under separate cover some literature on His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Tibet for your information. I do hope you will find it informative and useful.

THE DALAI LAMA



THEKCHEN CHOELING
MCLEOD GANJ 176219
KANGRA DISTRICT
HIMACHAL PRADESH

March 10, 1984

Your Excellency,

It has been twenty-five years since we were forced into exile. During these years, though we are comparatively a small refugee group we have nevertheless been successful in maintaining our identity as well as keeping alive the unique cultural heritage of the Tibetan people. However, in Tibet itself, the Chinese authorities have attempted to paint the Tibetan society before 1959 as medieval and backward and have thus carried out systematic and complete destruction of our cultural heritage. Yet certain aspects of that 'medieval society', such as Buddhism and the traditional system of Tibetan medicine are today beginning to make some contribution towards the well-being of thousands of people around the world. Moreover, because there is a better understanding of the true Tibetan issue there is an increasing awareness of and a growing interest in the Issue of Tibet throughout the world, including a wide-ranging public in the United States. This is not only encouraging to the Tibetan people but it also confirms our belief that truth and justice will prevail ultimately.

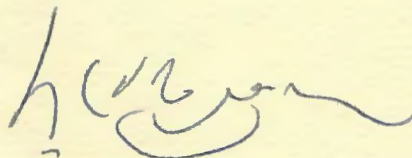
During the early period of our present national struggle, America, in keeping with her tradition of safeguarding personal liberty and national freedom has extended active support to the people of Tibet. Many of our people even today recall with gratitude that American support.

Your Excellency is intending to pay an official visit to the People's Republic of China some time next month. And the purpose of my writing this letter to you is to request you, should you find it convenient, to raise the Issue of Tibet during your discussions with the Chinese leaders in your personal capacity and not as the President of the United States. I would fully understand if this were not possible, but will greatly appreciate Your Excellency letting me know.

Finally, may I send you my good wishes and prayers for the success of your important visit to China. I hope your visit will not only enhance the establishment of closer relationship between the peoples of the United States and China but will also contribute in finding solutions to the problems that mankind is facing today.

With assurances of my highest esteem and personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Henry Kissinger", written in a cursive style.

His Excellency Ronald Reagan
The President of the
United States of America
White House
Washington D.C.
U. S. A.