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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 30, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Meeting Between the President and Delegation
From the Zhong Hua International Technology
Development Corporation

In response to your inquiry, NSC and State recommend that the meeting take place, according to Gaston Sigur of NSC. Indeed, Bob Kimmitt has submitted a scheduling request to Fred Ryan.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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November 29, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT:

Meeting Between the President and Delegation
From the Zhong Hua International Technology
Development Corporation

Lyn Nofziger has written Mr. Deaver, requesting a meeting December 4 between the President and three children of high-ranking officials from occupied China (hereinafter referred to as the People's Republic of China). The three will be traveling with a delegation from an entity called the Zhong Hua International Development Corporation, and will be bringing letters from their prominent fathers to the President. Nofziger made his request on behalf of his company, U.S. Trading Company, which does business in China. Deaver has noted that he would like to comply with the request, assuming you and NSC have no objections.

It is my understanding that it is not unusual for entities like Zhong Hua to be formed by the Chinese to facilitate what we occidentals might call "junkets" for the fortunately situated. Zhong Hua was in fact only created on October 9, 1984. There is no problem with the President meeting with the children because of their connection with Zhong Hua: As a Chinese company Zhong Hua of course has no competitors in the capitalistic sense that might object to it receiving an apparent endorsement or preferential treatment from the President. The President meeting with representatives of Zhong Hua would be no different than meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Trade.

The question is whether the involvement of an American entity -- Nofziger's U.S. Trading Company -- sours the deal. U.S. Trading will gain commercial goodwill and perhaps more tangible compensation for setting up the meeting, but the fact that the children chose to ask Nofziger rather than our embassy to set up the meeting should not prevent it from taking place. There is of course something of an appearance problem, but the problem exists in every case of former government officials capitalizing on their contacts after they have returned to the private sector.

The attached draft memorandum to Deaver notes that the meeting can legally take place.

~~THE WHITE HOUSE~~

WASHINGTON

Date 12-5-81

Suspense Date _____

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM: DIANNA G. HOLLAND

ACTION

_____ **Approved**

_____ Please handle/review

For your information

 For your recommendation

For the files

Please see me

_____ Please prepare response for
_____ signature

 As we discussed

 Return to me for filing

COMMENT

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 3, 1984

*Mtg.
Cancelled;
Not to be
rescheduled*

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEEVER
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Meeting Between the President and Delegation
From the Zhong Hua International Technology
Development Corporation

You have asked for my views on a proposed meeting between the President and three children of prominent officials of the People's Republic of China. The children will be visiting Washington as part of a delegation from Zhong Hua International Development Corporation, and would like to present letters from their fathers to the President. The request for the meeting was made through Lyn Nofziger and his U.S. Trading Company, which does business in China.

I have no legal objection to such a meeting taking place. The difficulties that would arise with such a meeting with representatives of a typical commercial entity are not present in this case, since a Chinese commercial entity such as Zhong Hua is actually tantamount to a government agency rather than a private commercial enterprise. It would of course have been preferable from an appearance standpoint if the prominent offspring had sought the meeting through normal diplomatic channels rather than an American representative, but that was their decision. I am guided in part in my recommendation by the fact that both NSC and State recommend the meeting.

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PROOT

☐ O - OUTGOING☐ H - INTERNAL☐ I - INCOMINGDate Correspondence
Received (YY/MM/DD) 1 1

Name of Correspondent:

Michael K. Deaver

☐ MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) _____

(B) _____

(C) _____

Subject:

Meeting between President and
delegation from the Phnom Penh
International Technology Development
Corporation

ROUTE TO:

ACTION

DISPOSITION

Office/Agency (Staff Name)	Action Code	Tracking Date YY/MM/DD	Type of Response	Code	Completion Date YY/MM/DD
W Holland	ORIGINATOR	84/11/26			
WAT 18	Referral Note: D	84/11/27		S	84/11/30
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ACTION CODES:

A - Appropriate Action
C - Comment/Recommendation
D - Draft Response
F - Furnish Fact Sheet
to be used as Enclosure

I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary
R - Direct Reply w/Copy
S - For Signature
X - Interim Reply

DISPOSITION CODES:

A - Answered
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C - Completed
S - Suspended

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LYN NOFZIGER

November 20, 1984

The Honorable
Michael Deaver
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mike:

When you were in the People's Republic of China you might have met Deng Nan, the daughter of Deng Xiaoping, or Hu Leu, the son of Hu Yaobang, the Secretary General of the Central Committee, or Zhou Jin, son of Premier Zhao Zi-yang.

At any rate, all three of these estimable off-spring are coming to Washington December 4 as part of a delegation from the Zhong Hua International Technology Development Corporation.

They will be bringing letters to the President from their fathers. Through us they are requesting a brief meeting -- no more than 5 minutes -- with the President to present the letters, shake hands and have their pictures taken.

Us in this case is U.S. Trading Company, of which I am Chairman of the Board, which is doing business in China in conjunction with Camelot Overseas Traders, another American company.

I would be most appreciative if you could arrange this meeting.

Best regards,


Lyn Nofziger

LN/dm

*Bill
would like to
do for CA - ✓ with
JWSC & 77 &
let me know.*