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DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 07, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA

SUBJECT: APPEALS FOR HELP IN BRINGING AN END TO THE CONTINUING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN TIBET AND TO ENCOURAGE THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS

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COMMENTS: ORIGINAL TO GEORGE VAN ERON
TELEGRAM CONVEYED THROUGH MR. TENZIN TETHONG,
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DALAI LAMA IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8905601
Date April 5, 1989

For: Mr. Philip Hughes
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:
To: President Bush  From: Dalai Lama
Date: March 06, 1989 Subject: Rights violations in Tibet.

Referral Dated: March 15, 1989 ID# 014274 (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.

x 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: Richard Schifter, Assistant Secretary for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs responded on March 27, 1989 to an identical message from the Dalai Lama to Secretary James Baker III.

Director
Secretariat Staff
Dear Mr. Tethong:

Thank you for conveying the Dalai Lama's message to the Secretary expressing his sadness at the March 5 events in Lhasa. We in the United States have an abiding concern for the human rights of the Tibetan people. In a public statement on March 9, the spokesman for the Department of State indicated that, while we recognize the right of the Chinese Government to maintain order, we objected to the unwarranted use of lethal force.

We hope for the restoration of calm and the resumption of efforts for a dialogue between the People's Republic of China and the Dalai Lama.

Sincerely,

Richard Schifter

Mr. Tenzin Tethong,
Special Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama,
The Office of Tibet,
1511 K Street, N.W., Suite 739,
Washington, D.C.
MARCH 15, 1989

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:  
APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 014274

MEDIA: TELEGRAM, DATED MARCH 6, 1989

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

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

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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE
THIS MESSAGE IS CONVEYED THROUGH MR. TENZIN TETHONG, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA IN WASHINGTON DC.

PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH,

YESTERDAY MARCH 5 1989, CHINESE SECURITY FORCES AGAIN SHOT DEAD MANY TIBETANS WHO WERE PEACEFULLY DEMONSTRATING IN LHASA.

I AM DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE LATEST BLOODSHED IN TIBET. I HAVE ALWAYS TRIED TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE TRAGIC SITUATION IN MY COUNTRY. ONCE AGAIN I MUST APPEAL FOR YOUR HELP IN BRINGING AN END TO THE CONTINUING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN TIBET AND ENCOURAGING THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS.

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