

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

266297 ~~266297~~  
CO156 4446

S/S 9110580

Date July 31, 1991

FOR: Mr. William F. Sittmann  
Executive Secretary  
National Security Council Staff  
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush  
From: Lithang Dorje of the Dhotoe Tibetan Welfare Assoc.  
Date: May 20, 1991  
Subject: President Bush's meeting with the Nobel Prize Laureate  
His Holiness the Dalai Lama

WH Referral Dated: June 13, 1991  
NSCS ID# (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.
- 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:

*Linda Lupton*  
for Director  
Secretariat Staff



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

July 25, 1991

Mr. Lithang Dorje  
Chairman  
Thotoe Tibetan Welfare Association  
P. B. No. 959  
Kathmandu, Nepal

Dear Mr. Dorje:

I am replying on behalf of President Bush to your letter of May 20 concerning U.S. policy toward Tibet.

After careful consideration, the President decided to meet privately with the Dalai Lama on April 16. The meeting was a sign of the great respect the President has for His Holiness as a religious leader and eloquent spokesman for the human rights of Tibetans; it did not represent any change in our position on the status of Tibet.

The question of whether the status of Tibet should be adjusted in some way is not one for the U.S. to determine. The only way that questions of that sort can truly be resolved is through discussions among the parties involved. We have encouraged both the Chinese authorities and the followers of the Dalai Lama to resume the discussions they carried on through much of the 1980's.

The U.S. Government remains deeply concerned about respect for human rights in Tibet, and for Tibetans elsewhere in China. We have raised this issue with Chinese authorities repeatedly, at both senior and working levels. Secretary Baker raised the subject of human rights abuses in Tibet during talks with Foreign Minister Qian in Beijing in February 1989 and in Washington in November 1990. National Security Advisor Scowcroft and Deputy Secretary Eagleburger discussed Tibetan issues with Chinese leaders during their visits in July and December 1989, as did Assistant Secretary Schifter in December 1990, Assistant Secretary Solomon in March 1991, and Under Secretary Kimmitt in May 1991.

The Department of State will give careful consideration to the utility of raising Tibetan human rights issues in appropriate international fora in the future. We support the efforts of nongovernmental organizations to raise such issues in the UN Human Rights Commission and elsewhere in the UN system. In the meantime, we will continue to consult with other concerned countries on human rights in Tibet with the goal of encouraging the Chinese to improve human rights conditions in Tibet and begin dialogue with the Dalai Lama's representatives.

The U.S. Government will continue to do all it can to encourage respect for the dignity of man and internationally recognized human rights in Tibet, as in the rest of China.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kent M. Wiedemann".

Kent M. Wiedemann, Director  
Office of Chinese and  
Mongolian Affairs

4446

S/S 9110580



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 13, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. William F. Sittmann  
Executive Secretary  
National Security Council Staff  
The White House

SUBJECT:

Alerting NSCS on Presidential  
Correspondence

Enclosed is the original of a letter to President Bush from Lithang Dorje of the Dhotoe Tibetan Welfare Association which is transmitted for your information.

This correspondence was received in the Information Resources Management Section of the Executive Secretariat on June 12, 1991. A copy has been assigned to the appropriate bureau for action.

*Charles G. Jackson Jr.*

Director, S/S-IRM  
Information Resources Management Section  
Executive Secretariat  
647-2991



འཇམ་མཁའ་ལོ་གསལ་གྱི་བློ་བྱེད་ལྷན་ཁག་ལས་འགན་ཁུར་བཞུགས་པའི་འཇམ་མཁའ་ལོ་གསལ་གྱི་བློ་བྱེད་ལྷན་ཁག་

## DHOTOE TIBETAN WELFARE ASSOCIATION

P. B. No. 959  
Kathmandu  
NEPAL

Ref No. 106

Date: May 20th, 1991

His Excellency President George Bush,  
White House  
Washington,  
U.S.A.

Ref.: AN EXTENSION OF GRATITUDE OF THANKS AND A PLEA

Your Excellency,

Most humbly and respectfully, we the Dhotoe Tibetan Welfare Association members would like to extend to Your Excellency our deeply felt gratitude of thanks on behalf of our people for kindly granting the opportunity offered to our temporal leader, the Nobel Peace Prize Laureate His Holiness the Dalai Lama to have audience with Your Excellency. This friendly honourable gesture naturally proves the norm of your true democratic government under your dynamic leadership.

Moreover, we are deeply grateful to Your Excellency for your continued support for the human rights in Tibet in specific and world in general. We request to Your Excellency to kindly give your support in Tibet's issue in the forthcoming U.N. Assembly with your unbiased view as we have the right to claim for our lost country that is being unduly captured by China. We can in no way ever relinquish our struggle to achieve our goal. We don't claim for anything that is out of our right.



འཇམ་མཁའ་ལོ་ཤོན་གྱི་རྒྱུ་རྒྱུ་ལམ་ལོ་ཤོན་པུ

# DHOTOE TIBETAN WELFARE ASSOCIATION

P. B. No. 959  
Kathmandu  
NEPAL

Ref No.

Date :

We have great faith in Truth as the Truth will always prevail. We have the full confidence that your overwhelmed worldwide reputation will spontaneously be higher and higher and praised by large for your kind support in the issue of Tibet with your appropriate judgement.

We, therefore, are hopefully waiting for your development of your understanding towards the fundamental problems of the six million captive Tibetans. We have a great hope in Your Excellency that your response to this humble plea will be to the optimum level as you are the highly respected universal judge of the human rights and various prevailing problems that have emerged from political scenario.

Thanking you in advance for your further consideration , we are ,

We beg to remain Your Excellency,

Yours Truly,

LITHANG DORJE  
Lithang Dorje, Chairman  
DAKPA DORJE  
Dakpa Dorje, the Vice-chairman  
on behalf of Dhotoe Tibetan  
(Khampa) members and people.

