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WASHINGTON

July 21, 1992

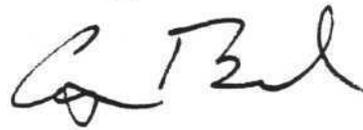
Your Holiness:

Thank you for your recent letter reporting the resumption of dialogue between your brother and the authorities in Beijing. I share your hope that Beijing has taken the initiative to resume the talks in order to "explore possibilities." I urge you and your colleagues to do everything possible to reinvigorate these discussions.

I want you to know that we are also urging the Chinese to use the vehicle of dialogue constructively to ease tension and work toward peaceful results. As you well know, the United States remains committed to respect for the universal standards of human rights that apply the world over.

Thank you again for your letter, as well as your prayers and best wishes.

Sincerely,



His Holiness
The Dalai Lama
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McLeod Ganj 176219
Kangra District
Himachal Pradesh

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

July 23, 1992

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR STATE DEPARTMENT SECRETARIAT

FROM: JAMES R. KEITH *JK*

SUBJECT: Dispatch Of Presidential Letter To The Dalai Lama

Please find enclosed a letter from the President to the Dalai Lama. We request that the letter be dispatched to the US Embassy in New Delhi, India and that Embassy personnel deliver the letter to the Dalai Lama's representative in New Delhi. A previous letter from the President to the Dalai Lama dated November 3, 1991 was dispatched in this same way.

Thank you very much.

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July 14, 1992

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Letter to the Dalai Lama Concerning Resumption of
a Dialogue with Beijing on Tibet

Purpose

To respond to the Dalai Lama's letter to you and to urge reinvigoration of dialogue with Beijing on Tibet.

Background

The Dalai Lama wrote to you to warn of continuing volatility in Tibet and to report that Beijing invited the Dalai Lama's brother, Gyalo Thondup, to resume a long-stalled dialogue on Tibet. A meeting between the Chinese and the Dalai Lama's brother took place in Beijing in June. Doug Paal received a general readout of the meeting from the Dalai Lama's Special Envoy in Washington on July 8, when he took the envoy and Elsie Walker to breakfast.

Although there has been little concrete progress from the dialogue between Thondup and the Chinese over the years, there is at least some hope that violence in Tibet is less likely while the two sides are talking to each other. The response to the Dalai Lama at Tab A urges that he do everything possible to reinvigorate the dialogue, and explains that we are urging Beijing to do the same.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter to the Dalai Lama at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Response to the Dalai Lama
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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July 9, 1992

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

THROUGH: DOUGLAS H. PAAL *DP*

FROM: JAMES KEITH *JK*

SUBJECT: Response to the Dalai Lama Regarding Tibet

The Dalai Lama wrote to the President to warn that the situation in Tibet remains volatile and to report that the Dalai Lama's brother, Gyalo Thondup, responded positively to Beijing's invitation to "explore possibilities" about Tibet. The Dalai Lama's Special Envoy, Lodi Gyari, met with Doug on July 8 to report very generally on Thondup's meeting in Beijing.

The response at Tab A urges that the Dalai Lama seek to reinvigorate the dialogue between Beijing and Thondup in the hope that violence in Tibet can be contained.

Concurrences by: ^{*by JK for SC*} Nicholas Rostow, ^{*JK*} Nancy Bearg Dyke

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President
Tab A Response to the Dalai Lama
Tab B Incoming Correspondence



Special Envoy of
His Holiness The Dalai Lama

June 29, 1992

Mr. Douglas Paal
National Security Council
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington D.C. 20506

Dear Doug,

Enclosed is a letter from H.H. the Dalai Lama for President Bush which I have been asked to deliver. Would you kindly see that the President receives this letter. A copy for you is attached to the original. Thank you.

I recently accompanied His Holiness on his visit to Brazil, Chile, Argentina and Venezuela. His Holiness was well received throughout the entire trip.

Incidentally, I just spoke with Mr. Gyalo Thondup in Hong Kong. Mr. Thondup just returned from China. His visit on the whole has been quite useful. I would like to meet with you next week to personally brief you about his visit and other relevant matters. My assistant will phone you about arranging a meeting after the 7th of July as will be out of the office until that time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Lodi G. Gyari'.

Lodi G. Gyari
Special Envoy of H.H. the Dalai Lama



THE DALAI LAMA

Caracas; June 22, 1992
Cisneros Residence

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to you on the eve of my departure for India after a very successful trip to South America, including a stop in Rio de Janeiro for Eco '92. The depth of concern expressed by the individuals I met, not only for the plight of the Tibetans, but also for the broader social issues of our times, renews my belief that by working together we can solve these vexing problems.

Unfortunately, the situation inside Tibet remains volatile. Ill-will engendered by 43 years of Chinese occupation continues to escalate in the hearts of the Tibetan people. Despite the failure of the Chinese government to respond positively to any of our past initiatives, I am continuing my efforts to open a channel of communication with them.

Very recently, the Chinese government contacted my brother, Gyalo Thondup, and asked that he come to Beijing to "explore possibilities." While I cannot be certain that anything concrete will emerge from the meeting, in the hope of advancing the interests of the Tibetan people in even a small way, I have authorized him to make the trip. He is in China at the moment. I will inform you of the results of his efforts whatever the outcome.

I would like to thank you for signing into law last year's Congressional resolution acknowledging Tibet's status as an occupied country. Your actions significantly bolstered the morale of Tibetans everywhere. At the same time, Mr. President, the Tibetan people, particularly those inside Tibet, were deeply hurt by the United States' failure to support the Tibetan resolution at the February meeting of the U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva.



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THE DALAI LAMA

I am encouraged, however, to learn from Lodi Gyari, my Special Envoy in Washington, D.C., that some of your senior aides have indicated a willingness to be more supportive of our efforts to advance human rights issues at the United Nations. The commitment of the American people to protect fundamental human rights and liberties, particularly when threatened by the excesses of authoritarian regimes, provides me with confidence that these shared goals have forged an immutable alliance between our peoples.

My prayers and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely the name of the Dalai Lama, written in black ink.