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General Brent Skowcroft  
National Security Advisor  
National Security Council  
439 Old Executive Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20506

Dear General Skowcroft:

I hope this letter will find you in good health. I am writing in connection with Kalon Gyalo Thondup's visit to Washington, D.C. from December 2-6th which will be the first in many years. I was wondering whether you could meet him. I have also written to Mr. Douglas Paal to meet with Kalon Thondup.

Kalon Gyalo Thondup, as you know is the second-eldest brother of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and currently the Chairman of our Kashag (Cabinet). On many occasions he has dealt with the Chinese leadership through the many difficult years of our relationship and has had extensive dealings with the U.S. Administration.

I feel such a meeting would be mutually beneficial and I hope you will be able to meet him. I am enclosing herewith an official profile of Kalon Thondup for your information. I look forward to hearing from you on this.

I am happy to inform you that His Holiness had a very successful visit to the U.S. and I am sure you are informed about His latest initiative which was stated during His Yale University statement.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Lodi G. Gyari'.

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



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## Kalon Gyalo Thondup

Kalon (Minister) Gyalo Thondup, Chairman of the Kashag (Cabinet) of the Tibetan Government-in-exile, is travelling to the United States of America and Canada for the first time in several years.

Kalon Gyalo Thondup is the second-eldest brother of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. He was born in 1928 in the northeastern Tibetan province of Amdo. In 1944 he travelled to China to study Chinese language and political science.

He travelled to India in 1952 with the aim of gaining the Indian Government's support against the Chinese invasion of Tibet. While in India, he directed the Tibetan resistance movement against the invading Chinese forces.

In 1959, when His Holiness escaped to India and established the headquarters of the Tibetan Government-in-exile in Mussoorie, a hill-station in the north of the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, Kalon Thondup was named the External Affairs Minister. In this position, which he held until 1969, he was instrumental in the adoption of three U.N. General Assembly resolutions on Tibet.

Since 1979, Kalon Thondup, a China expert, has acted as a liaison between Dharamsala and Beijing in an effort to find a peaceful solution to the Tibetan issue. At the same time, his role has also been that of counsellor to His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

In June 1991, he was elected by the Assembly of Tibetan People's Deputies (Tibetan Parliament-in-exile) to a five-member Tibetan Cabinet in Dharamsala, headquarters of the Tibetan Government-in-exile.