



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
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JUL 28 2000

Honorable Joseph W. Prueher  
Ambassador  
United States Embassy Beijing  
PSC 461, Box 50  
FPO AP 96521-0002

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Dear Joe:

It was a pleasure to spend time with you and Suzanne during my latest visit to China. Thank you once again for your counsel and help in preparing for my meetings. Your experience and insight have been an invaluable national asset in sustaining our critical relationship with China.

Please convey to your staff my appreciation for its outstanding support to the U.S. delegation and me. Brigadier General Karl Eikenberry, USA, and the team from the Defense Attaché Office were particularly helpful. I greatly appreciate their selfless energy and assistance.

Thank you again for your extraordinary efforts to make our visit productive and enjoyable -- and for your distinguished service to our nation. Janet and I wish you and Suzanne continued success.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

28 Jul 00

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
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President Jiang Zemin  
Office of the President  
People's Republic of China

Dear President Jiang:

I was delighted to have the opportunity to meet with you again during my visit to China. The U.S. - China relationship is critically important to our nations and to peace and stability worldwide. I am pleased to report that I had a very successful visit as a result of the friendly and forthright discussions I had with your top government and military leaders.

I am especially pleased that I was able to return to the city of Shanghai, which I had not visited since 1996. During my speech at the Shanghai Stock Exchange, I stressed the importance of China's continuing economic development. Passage of permanent normal trade relations and China's entry into the World Trade Organization will set the stage for even greater economic cooperation in the future.

Our military engagement program supports the furthering of our mutual interests and is a critical component of the U.S.-China relationship. It is a program I fully support and one that is in the interests of both our countries. I welcome our efforts to carry forward and improve our military-to-military relationship as we go into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Sincerely,

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
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JUL 28 2008

Vice Premier Qian Qichen  
Office of the Vice Premier  
People's Republic of China

Dear Vice Premier Qian:

Thank you for meeting with me during my visit to China. Our discussion on the key foreign policy issues was a valuable step in furthering our efforts to work together for peace and stability in the Asia – Pacific region. Such discussions are critical to advancing the mutual interests of our two great nations.

Our dialogue demonstrated the stability of U.S. - China relations and revealed general agreement in our global worldviews and interests. This allows for steps to maintain the positive momentum in our relations as we move into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

My visit reaffirmed our view that it is clearly in the interests of both our nations to work together to meet the challenges of the future. I look forward to continuing our cooperation.

Sincerely,

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON

JUL 28 2009

Vice President Hu Jintao  
Office of the Vice President  
People's Republic of China

Dear Vice President Hu:

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to meet with me last week during my visit to China. I was very pleased to visit China for the second time in my tenure as Secretary of Defense. This visit and our dialogue demonstrated the progress and mutual benefit of positive U.S. - China relations.

Our discussion on the key issues in the U.S. -China relationship was a very valuable step in advancing our military-to-military engagement. Members of our armed forces routinely carry out strategic dialogue, and it is important that the civilian leadership also conduct regular discussions. Our first meeting together was a very important part of that process and I sincerely hope we continue these meetings in the future.

I look forward with anticipation to working with both the military and civilian leaders of your government as we continue our combined efforts to create a stable military-to-military relationship for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Sincerely,

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
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JUL 28 2000

General Zhang Wannian  
Vice Chairman  
Central Military Commission  
People's Republic of China

Dear General Zhang:

I enjoyed very much meeting with you again after almost two years. My visit to China, highlighted by our discussions on regional and bi-lateral issues of mutual interest, was most successful.

Our talks were constructive and contributed significantly to the strengthening and improvement of relations between the United States and China. It is in both our nations' interest to work together to achieve the common objective of a safe and peaceful world in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

I also thank you and Madam Zhong Peizhao for your gracious hospitality in hosting Janet and me to a delicious luncheon in the magnificent Great Hall of the People. I was especially delighted to meet General Yu and talk to him about his forthcoming trip to the United States.

Again, thank you and all the members of the People's Liberation Army who worked so hard to make my visit such a success.

Sincerely,

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
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JUL 28 2000

General Fu Quanyou  
Chief of the General Staff  
People's Liberation Army  
People's Republic of China

Dear General Fu:

Thank you for meeting with me last week. Our meeting solidified our military-to-military relations and was an important step in promoting dialogue and increasing our mutual understanding. Our two nations share responsibility in working together to achieve a safe and peaceful world in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

I sincerely hope you will be able to accept General Shelton's invitation to attend the Chiefs of Defense Conference in Hawaii this fall.

Please accept my warm congratulations and best wishes as the People's Liberation Army celebrates its birthday on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Again, thank you for your contributions to my very successful visit to China.

Sincerely,

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON

JUL 28 2000

General Chi Haotian  
Vice Chairman of the Central Military Commission  
and Minister of National Defense  
People's Republic of China

Dear General Chi:

Please accept my appreciation for your sincere and generous hospitality during my visit to China. You and Madam Jiang Qingping were gracious hosts, and Janet and I were warmed by your hospitality. As you so clearly pointed out, the warmth of the weather indicated the warmth of our personal and our military-to-military relationships.

Our discussions were productive in maintaining a positive trend in the relationship between both our nations and our militaries. During our talks, we successfully demonstrated the stability of U.S. - China relations and took concrete steps to move our overall relationship forward. I attach great importance to our military-to-military engagement and I look forward to continuing our mutual efforts to build upon the solid foundation we have established.

I was very pleased to again have the opportunity to visit China. In particular, thank you for hosting the delicious dinner. The entertainment was most enjoyable and memorable. Janet and I thoroughly enjoyed our visit and especially appreciate the time we spent with you and Qingping. We will treasure this visit and your friendship.

Sincerely,

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON

JUL 28 2000

General Xing Shizhong  
President  
National Defense University  
People's Liberation Army  
People's Republic of China

Dear General Xing:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your invitation to address the students at the National Defense University. Our National Defense Universities have played a leading role since 1985 in the development of our military-to-military relationship. In many ways the use of these forums has been the bedrock of our military relationship, making it a most appropriate venue for us to exchange views.

I recall our meeting in Washington in early 1999 when you were hosted by our National Defense University President, General Richard Chilcoat. General Chilcoat asked me to wish you well. He is retiring this month and will be succeeded by Vice Admiral Paul Gaffney. I am confident that you and Admiral Gaffney will continue the excellent relationship between our two universities.

Thank you again for your hospitality and for the opportunity to engage your students in a very informative session.

Sincerely,

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JUL 28 2000

The Honorable Mayor Xu Kuangdi  
Office of the Mayor  
Shanghai, People's Republic of China

Dear Mayor Xu:

Please accept my sincerest thank you for your hospitality to Janet and me during our visit to Shanghai. I was very pleased to visit Shanghai again and to renew our friendship. As a former mayor, I was especially pleased to hear your views on running a booming metropolis like Shanghai. Your challenges certainly dwarf those I encountered in Bangor, Maine.

We appreciated your very gracious hosting of the luncheon at the Jin Jiang Hotel. There clearly was a sense of history as we talked in the same location where President Nixon and Premier Zhou Enlai signed the historic communiqué.

Our discussions were productive and clear evidence of the mutual desires we have for China's entry into the WTO. As globalization makes us neighbors, the economic success of China and the United States are becoming increasingly interrelated.

Thank you again for your kindness. Janet joins me in extending our very best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
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JUL 28 2000

Mr. Richard Bussiere  
General Manager  
The St. Regis Beijing  
No. 21 Jian Guo Men Wai Da Jie  
Beijing 100020, China

Dear Mr. Bussiere:

Thank you for welcoming Janet and me to the beautiful St. Regis Beijing during our recent visit to China. The support my staff and I received was extraordinary, giving us an opportunity to have an enjoyable and productive visit.

Please extend my appreciation to all your staff. If we are ever blessed with another trip to Beijing, we will want to stay in the marvelous St. Regis.

With thanks and best wishes,

Sincerely,

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON

JUL 28 2000

Mr. Mark DeCocinis  
General Manager  
The Portman Ritz-Carlton  
1376 Nanjing Xi Lu  
Shanghai 200040, China

Dear Mr. DeCocinis:

Thank you for welcoming Janet and me to the beautiful Portman Ritz-Carlton during our recent visit to China. The support my staff and I received was extraordinary, giving us an opportunity to have an enjoyable and productive visit.

Please extend my appreciation to all your staff. If we are ever blessed with another trip to Shanghai, we will want to stay in the marvelous Portman Ritz-Carlton.

With thanks and best wishes,

Sincerely,

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
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JUL 28 2008

Mr. Tu Guangshao  
President  
Shanghai Stock Exchange  
528 Pudong Nan Lu  
Shanghai, People's Republic of China 200120

Dear Mr. Tu:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for welcoming and hosting me at the Shanghai Stock Exchange. The opportunity to speak at such an impressive venue was certainly one of the highlights of my trip. Hopefully, the fact that the Shanghai market closed at a record high on the day of my speech is a sign of the bright prospects for future U.S. – China cooperation.

I firmly believe Shanghai is the epicenter of China's economic modernization, leading a truly dramatic transformation. Clearly, your stock exchange plays and will continue to play a leading role in that process.

An American Secretary of Defense, constantly focusing on issues of global security and international military relations, seldom gets the opportunity to address so many Chinese entrepreneurs, traders, and industrialists. It was an occasion I will not soon forget. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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JUL 28 2000

Mr. Wang Daohan  
Chairman  
Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Strait (ARATS)  
Shanghai, People's Republic of China

Dear Mr. Wang:

I was deeply honored to meet you during my visit to Shanghai last week, and I am pleased we had the opportunity to exchange views on the peaceful resolution of the Taiwan issue. Peaceful resolution of this issue is of paramount importance to the people on both sides of the Taiwan Strait, to the United States, and to the rest of the world.

After the democratic transition on Taiwan, there is understandably a changed dynamic on the island. As such, an opportunity now exists for the leaders of China and Taiwan to creatively and flexibly seek new and innovative solutions.

My discussions in China were productive and aided in strengthening the stability of the relationship between our two nations. I commend and respect you for the accomplishments you have thus far achieved working for the peaceful resolution of the Taiwan issue. I encourage you to resume cross-strait dialogue at the soonest possible time.

My visit to China was a major success, due in large part to my important meeting with you. High-level visits like this one increase communication and understanding between our two countries and certainly will contribute to our efforts to ensure a safer and more peaceful 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Sincerely,

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON

JUL 28 2000

Honorable Genta Hawkins Holmes  
Ambassador  
American Embassy Canberra  
Moonah Place  
Canberra ACT 2600  
Commonwealth of Australia

Dear Genta:

It was a pleasure to meet with you during my visit to Australia, and I thank you for facilitating my itinerary. I especially appreciate your insights and good counsel. Your vision and leadership are key to continuing our close relationship with Australia.

Please extend my appreciation to those who worked diligently to orchestrate the visit. In particular, Lieutenant Colonel "Scoop" Jackson, USAF, Master Sergeant Rodney Bethea, USAF, and Ms. Alaina Teplitz were extremely helpful. I am very grateful for their considerable assistance.

Thank you again for your extraordinary efforts to make our visit productive and enjoyable.

Sincerely,

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
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JUL 28 2000

The Honorable John Howard MP  
Prime Minister  
Suite MG 8, Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600  
Commonwealth of Australia

Dear Prime Minister:

I wish to offer my sincere thanks for meeting with me Monday following my two-day exchange in Sydney with Defense Minister Moore and Foreign Minister Downer. I was pleased that I could review for you these discussions, as well as provide you a full readout of my visit to China. I believe the openness and frankness that characterized our talks, as well as those that took place with both ministers, further enhanced our mutually beneficial alliance.

I appreciated hearing your views on Indonesia, East Timor, technology transfers, and multilateralism. Let me again assure you that the United States intends to retain an active presence in East Timor. Your candid remarks on your defense review process were most interesting. As I said publicly in Australia and in our meeting, the United States strongly supports your efforts to increase defense spending.

Thank you again for a most engaging discussion. I always look forward to visiting your beautiful country, especially the city of Sydney. Best wishes for a successful and safe Summer Olympics.

Sincerely,

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON

**JUL 28 2000**

The Honorable John Moore MP  
Minister for Defense  
Suite M 141, Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600  
Commonwealth of Australia

Dear John:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your gracious hospitality during our bilateral discussions last week in Sydney. I was especially impressed with your stamina in hosting the Sunday evening dinner for Janet and me immediately after your long flight from the United States.

The openness and frankness that characterized our talks the next day were evidence of the strength of our alliance. I was pleased that I could give you a full readout of my visit to China, and I appreciated hearing your views on Indonesia, East Timor, technology transfers, and multilateralism. Your candid remarks on your defense review process were most interesting. As I said publicly in Australia and in our meetings, the United States strongly supports your efforts to increase defense spending. I also expressed this support in my meeting with Prime Minister Howard.

Our alliance with Australia stands out as one of our most successful and steadfast partnerships, and these dialogues serve to strengthen that relationship. Thank you again for a series of valued meetings and discussions that allowed for a most successful visit.

Janet told me as we departed for home that she loves visiting your beautiful country. We both thank you for your hospitality and wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON

JUL 28 2000

The Honorable Alexander Downer MP  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
Suite MF 27, Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2000  
Commonwealth of Australia

Dear Mr. Minister:

This is a short note to say I enjoyed talking with you on Monday at lunch and at our follow-on meeting.

Your insights into the regional security situation gave us a clear understanding of Australia's points of view. I particularly understand your concerns about East Timor. As I indicated at the meeting, we will maintain a presence there at an appropriate level. Our two governments need to continue consulting regularly to ensure our policies on East Timor are aligned.

It was a pleasure to see you again. I am grateful that we had the opportunity to meet during my stay in Sydney.

Sincerely,

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON

JUL 28 2000

Mr. Richard Hawkes  
General Manager  
Hotel Inter-Continental  
117 Macquarie Street  
New South Wales Territory  
Sydney, Australia 2000

Dear Mr. Hawkes:

Thank you for welcoming Janet and me back to Australia and the beautiful Hotel Inter-Continental. As always, your facility was outstanding and your service staff superb. They contributed immensely to our pleasant and productive visit.

We look forward to returning to Sydney and once again staying at the Hotel Inter-Continental.

In the meantime, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill" followed by a stylized surname.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

26-Jul-00

MEMORANDUM FOR COL CRIBBS *mic 7/27/00*

SUBJECT: China & Australia Thank You Letters

Ma'am -

On the right side of the folder are SecDef's China & Australia thank you letters - ready for signature.

VADM Johnson and DASD Smith (Policy) have edited the letters extensively.

Ellen/Pam have also edited/reviewed the package.

The CDs are for Wang Daohan - promised by the SecDef. I have the envelopes.

v/r

MARK T. DAMIANO  
Captain, USAF  
Junior Military Assistant to the  
Secretary of Defense

- 1) Col B. H. ...*
- 2) ADM. W. ...*
- 3) ML TALEL*

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**Thank You List for  
China & Australia with Secretary Cohen  
10 - 17 July 2000**

<b>China</b>	<b>POC</b>	<b>Status</b>
• AMB Joseph W. Prueher	Damiano	Final
• <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">BG Karl W. Eikenberry, USA, DATT</span> <span style="margin-left: 20px;">b3</span>	Damiano	Final
• Mark DeCocinis, General Manager, Portman Ritz-Carlton	Damiano	Final
• Richard Bussiere, General Manager, St. Regis	Damiano	Final
• Gen Zhang Wannian, Vice Chairman, Central Military Commission	Corbett	Final
• Gen Xing Shizhong, President, National Defense University	Corbett	Final
• Gen Fu Quanyou, Chief of the General Staff	Corbett	Final
• Gen Chi Hoatian, Vice Chairman, Central Military Commission and Minister of National Defense	Corbett	Final
• Vice Premier Qian Qichen	Corbett	Final
• Vice President Hu Jintao	Corbett	Final
• President Jiang Zemin	Corbett	Final
• Xu Kuangdi, Mayor, Shanghai	Corbett	Final
• Wang Daohan, Chairman, Assn for Relations Across Taiwan Strts	Corbett	Final
• Tu Guangshao, President, Shanghai Stock Exchange	Corbett	Final

<b>Australia</b>	<b>POC</b>	<b>Status</b>
• AMB Genta Hawkins Holmes	Damiano	Final
• Richard Hawkes, Manager, Hotel Inter-Continental	Damiano	Final
• Hon John Moore, MP, Defense Minister	O'Neill	Final
• Hon Alexander Downer, Minister for Foreign Affairs	O'Neill	Final
• Prime Minister John Howard	O'Neill	Final