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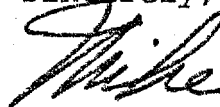
Dear Mr. Colby:

I am attempting to assemble information on the relative roles of women in the United States and the People's Republic of China, and I thought the Central Intelligence Agency might have available data I have been unable to locate elsewhere. Specifically, the following information would be helpful:

- (1) The extent of participation and numbers of women in the Red Guard
- (2) Whether women play a specific active political role in which men do not participate
- (3) Statistics for men and women in the following areas, from 1949 to date: students, factories, professions, government, and Communist Party.
- (4) Whether the Cultural Revolution resulted in equality for women, both in theory and in practice.
- (5) Role of the Chinese Federation of Women in the Cultural Revolution.

Any assistance you may be able to provide in gathering information in these areas will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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