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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 26, 1982

Dear Charles:

Thank you for your letter of October 8 about the proposal for an exhibition by the United States in Beijing for the spring and summer of 1984.

I have asked the National Security Council to look into this and find that they have in fact been in touch with the backers of the project and with the various government agencies which have been approached. The main concern has been that the estimated cost of the exhibition exceeds what has been spent by either the U.S. Information Agency or the Department of Commerce for an exhibition anywhere, and the prospects for obtaining such sizable government funds in this budget environment are not good.

However, there are arguments that can be made for an exhibition along the lines proposed, and I suggest it would be useful to have the backers provide a briefing in the near future to an interagency group which would include all the U.S. agencies with a potential interest. This would enable the backers to take account of their latest design plans and discussions with the Chinese and to deal with all of the U.S. organizations involved at one sitting, which I understand has not been possible to date.

I am asking Charles Wick to arrange such a meeting and preside over the gathering. We will be better equipped to make a judgment on the merits of the project and the prospects for either government or private financing after the briefing.

Sincerely,

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