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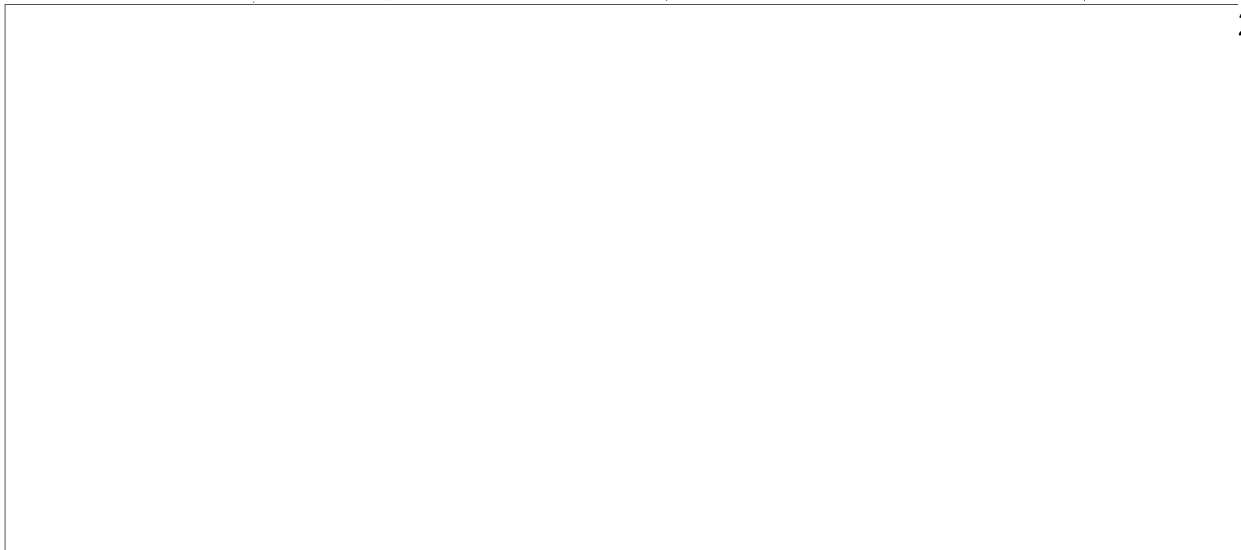
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PRICE

Subject: Jack Downey - Prisoner of the Chinese Communists

The problem of the incarceration of Jack Downey and other Americans in Communist China has been a tough and longstanding one. This was the earliest and it has been the most persistent topic of negotiations between ourselves and the Communists since the mid-50s. In 1955, we negotiated an agreement which provided for the repatriation of most Americans, but the Chinese Communists have insisted that it does not apply to the remission of jail sentences of those held prisoner, and we have been unable to budge them from this position. The effort continues, and will be raised again at the forthcoming Warsaw meeting.

Incidentally, I assume that Mr. Duffy is broadly aware of our efforts in behalf of Mr. Downey, since Mr. Downey's friends have been in regular touch with the Department of State.



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