

December 6, 1971

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ON-FILE NSC RELEASE
INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

TO: GENERAL HAIG

FROM: NANCY OUELLETTE PARIS

BEGIN TEXT

Received following note from other side at 6:00 p.m.,
on December 6:

QUOTE

1. The Chinese agrees that the U.S. advance party (about 20 persons) headed by Brigadier General Haig, come to China on January 3 1972, by a special plane (with a crew of about 17 members) and wished to be informed of the requirements related to the special plane and in other aspects.

With regard to such matters in the schedule of the advance party during their visit to China, the Chinese side suggests that they be discussed and decided upon specifically after their arrival in Peking, and by and large they can be arranged as visualized by the U.S. side.

2. The Chinese side has decided to rent all of the equipment of a Ground Satellite Terminal and a Television Production and Transmission Center. In order to ensure more effective construction of the house to accommodate the said equipment, it is hoped that the U.S. side will provide as early as possible detailed specifications, including an inventory of all the equipment of the production and transmission center (with two mobile units) as well as a plan for disposition of equipment in the house. The electricity used by the center will be provided in the Chinese network of 220 volts-50 cycles. If the power source must be 60 cycles, the U.S. side is requested to bring it's own related equipment. In addition, please advise us if there are any other requirements in connection with the house.

END QUOTE

Chinese side asked me to pass on that they were very anxious to get reply on detailed specification and inventory of equipment and hoped to transmit answer to Peking within a week.

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TO: GENERAL HAIG
FROM: NANCY OULLETTE (PARIS)

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I saw Chinese at eleven o'clock on 10 December and was handed following handwritten message:

"We are very grateful if the inventory of the detailed specifications will be provided as early as possible so that we can transmit to Peking within one week."

I was read and given the following typewritten message:

"Taking account of the fact that the convicts John Thomas Downey and Richard George Fecteau, two U.S. CIA spies, after being tried, have admitted their crimes. The department concerned of the Chinese Government has now decided to treat them with leniency: Downey's original sentence of life imprisonment, will be replaced by one of five years imprisonment, beginning from December 13, 1971; Fecteau, who was sentenced to twenty years imprisonment, will be released before the expiration of his term, and he will be set free and cross the border at SUMCHUN on December 13, 1971.

The Chinese side hereby informs the U.S. side that Maryann Harbert (female) and Gerald Ross McLaughlin (male), two Americans, illegally trespassed in a yacht into China's territorial waters near the TAMKON ISLANDS

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(ofstuary) of the Pearl River, Kwangtung province and were detained by Chinese Civil Police on April 21, 1968. The above fact of trespassing into Chinese territorial waters has been established through investigations by the Chinese authorities concerned. Harbert has admitted her mistake and will also be released and sent across the border on December 13, 1971. McLaughlin resisted investigation during his detention and committed suicide on March 7, 1969. He died after emergency measures to save him failed and his body was cremated. The Red Cross Society of China will inform his family of this through the American National Red Cross."

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