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NOVEMBER 5, 1975

FROM BRENT SCOWCROFT

TO: GEORGE BUSH

1. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR KIND WORDS. I AM GREATLY
LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AND TO PROFITING
FROM YOUR TREMENDOUS TALENTS.

2. IDEAS ON YOUR CONFIRMATION ARE STILL A BIT
LOOSE AND, IN MY OPINION, WILL DEPEND AT LEAST IN PART
ON HOW THINGS COME ALONG WITH THE CHINESE. I THINK WE
SHOULD NOT DO ANYTHING WHICH WOULD GIVE THEM THE IM-
PRESSION THAT THEY IN ANY WAY WILL BE TAKING SECOND
PLACE TO YOUR NEW RESPONSIBILITIES. THAT COMMENT IS OF
COURSE RELEVANT TO YOUR COMING BACK HERE BETWEEN THE
ANNOUNCEMENT AND THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP.

3. BILL COLBY HAS AGREED TO STAY ON UNTIL YOUR ARE
CONFIRMED. IN ANY EVENT, I SEE NO PROBLEM AT ALL TO
YOUR LEAVING CHINA A WEEK AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S
DEPARTURE, AS YOU SUGGEST.

4. JUST FOR YOUR INFORMATION, WE HAVE PUT OUR AD-
VANCE PEOPLE IN SOMETHING OF A BIND WITH THE DELAY OF
THE TRIP ANNOUNCEMENT. AS YOU KNOW, THEY HOPE TO BE ABLE
TO DO THE ALASKA AND HAWAII STOPS THIS COMING WEEKEND.
I WILL NOT LET THEM DEPART, HOWEVER, UNLESS WE HAVE
CONFIRMATION FROM THE CHINESE THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT CAN
BE MADE ON THE 13TH. WE SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD ANY MORE ON
AGAIN-OFF AGAIN STORIES ABOUT THE TRIP. SINCE THEY HOPE

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TO DEPART EARLY SATURDAY MORNING, I WOULD APPRECIATE
HEARING FROM YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER YOU GET WORD
FROM THE CHINESE ON SATURDAY--ASSUMING YOU DO.

5. WARM REGARDS,

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