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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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May 22, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: JON HOWE  
FROM: JOHN HOLDRIDGE  
SUBJECT: Cy Sulzberger's Visa Request

Attached is a backchannel message to Ambassador Watson straightening out the Cy Sulzberger visa request issue.

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UPON FURTHER CONSIDERATION, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BEST TO  
HANDLE CY SULZBERGER'S REQUEST FOR VISA TO CHINA OUTSIDE STATE  
CHANNELS. REQUEST THAT YOU BRING THIS UP PRIVATELY WITH THE CHINESE.  
*THIS MATTER HAS NOT BEEN REFERRED TO STATE.*

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RE YOUR INQUIRY OF MAY 17 CONCERNING STATUS OF CY SULZBERGER'S  
REQUEST FOR A VISA TO CHINA, YOU WILL RECEIVE SHORTLY VIA THE REGULAR  
STATE CHANNEL A MESSAGE TO BE PASSED TO PRC AUTHORITIES REQUESTING  
APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION OF SULZBERGER'S APPLICATION.  
KARM REGARDS.

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May 18, 1972

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. KISSINGER

FROM: JOHN H. HOLDRIDGE *[initials]*

SUBJECT: C. L. Sulzberger's Desire for a Visa to Travel in China

On May 17 you received a cable from Ambassador Watson (at Tab C) indicating that during a luncheon conversation with New York Times journalist Cy Sulzberger he was asked if you had received any word regarding Sulzberger's application for a visa to travel in the PRC. Watson indicates he was unaware of any help on our part for Sulzberger's visa request. As well, we have been unable to find any record of a "boost" for this man in our files. We do know, however, that the issue of a visa for Sulzberger did come up during the Mansfield/Scott talks with Chou En-lai. We are not certain who raised the issue with the Chinese, but Chou at any rate appeared reasonably responsive.

WATSON DID NOT LET ON TO SULZBERGER THAT HE HAD NOT HEARD FROM YOU.

Should you wish to assist Sulzberger via the Watson channel--as you recently did for Henry Grunwald of Time--at Tab A is a message which can be sent to PRC authorities in Paris requesting consideration of Sulzberger's application. At Tab B is a backchannel message for Ambassador Watson alerting him that a request regarding Sulzberger will be coming along shortly through the regular State channel.

Recommendation:

That you give C. L. Sulzberger a boost in his application for a visa to travel in the PRC by approving the messages for Ambassador Watson at Tab A and Tab B.

Approve *[Signature]*

OR

GIVE HIM A BOOST BY BACKCHANNEL TO WATSON ONLY, LEAVING STATE OUT OF IT *[Signature]*

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TO THE WHITE HOUSE EYES ONLY FOR DR. HENRY KISSINGER  
IN LUNCHING WITH CY SULZBERGER TODAY HE ASKED ME IF I HAD RECEIVED  
WORD FROM YOU REGARDING HIS DESIRE VISIT CHINA. I FUDGED MY ANSWER  
AND SAID AMB. HUANG WAS OUT OF TOWN AND WE WERE AWAITING HIS RETURN.  
WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR LETTING ME KNOW IF YOU WANT ME TO BRING THIS UP  
IN LOW KEY TERMS WITH HUANG NEXT TIME I SEE HIM. SUL ZBERGER ALWAYS  
SPRANG HIGHLY OF YOU TO ME. WARM REGARDS. WATSON

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