

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 8, 1971

Dear Frank:

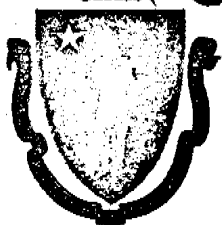
Thank you for your letter of August 30 calling to my attention, in light of my recently announced plans to visit China, the plight of Richard G. Fecteau and John T. Downey.

May I assure you that I am quite thoroughly aware of their situation, as well as that of two other Americans imprisoned in China. You can be confident that I consider their release a matter of great importance.

Sincerely,



Honorable Francis W. Sargent  
Governor of Massachusetts  
Boston, Massachusetts 02133



FRANCIS W. SARGENT  
GOVERNOR

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

August 30, 1971

Dear Mr. President:

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On August 11 Councillor Thomas J. Lane at a meeting of the Executive Council brought forward the cases of two United States Citizens, Richard G. Fecteau and John Downey, who have been in captivity in China for nineteen years. I know that you are well aware of the plight of these citizens.

It is the hope of Councillor Lane and myself that through your personal intercession during your forthcoming trip to the Mainland of China that the release of these two prisoners might be obtained.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francis Sargent".

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.