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August 2, 1973

TO: Ambassador David K. E. Bruce

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *HK*

We still have heard not a word regarding dates for my trip to China, despite the fact that we specifically asked for an early reply when we proposed the dates in September.

Their failure to respond over so substantial a period seems quite out of character, and the President would appreciate your assessment of the reasons for the delay. You will be interested in knowing that Senator Mansfield told me last evening that the Chinese had postponed his trip.

Would appreciate a response within 48 hours and earlier if at all possible.

Warm regards.

State Dept. review completed

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