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TO THE WHITE HOUSE  
FM USLO PEKING

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PEKING 52

JANUARY 4, 1974

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TO: BRENT SCOWCROFT  
FROM: DAVID BRUCE

1. MATTER OF NICK PLATTS WITHDRAWAL AT REQUEST OF CHINESE AUTHORITIES AND HIS REASSIGNMENT TO ANOTHER POSITION HAS ENGENDERED CONSIDERABLE INTERCHANGE OF MESSAGES BETWEEN USLO AND STATE DEPARTMENT, OF AN AS YET INCONCLUSIVE NATURE.
2. I BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT DESPITE BUREAUCRATIC DIFFICULTIES I FULLY RECOGNIZE AS UNAVOIDABLE THIS AFFAIR BE RESOLVED SOONEST PRACTICABLE.
3. IT IS NOT CLEAR HERE WHETHER SITUATION HAS BECOME KNOWN TO SECSTATE.
4. HEAVILY OVERBURDENED AS HE IS I WOULD NEVERTHELESS GREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF PERTINENT [REDACTED] COMMUNICATIONS ON SUBJECT WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO HIM IF THAT HAS NOT BEEN DONE.
5. THANKS. BEST REGARDS.  
BRUCE  
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