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TO: H. R. HALDEMAN

RE: REPORT - CHINA TRIP

The following is a rough summary of the trip to China:

AGREEMENTS:

General:

1. Presidential itinerary. To submit to the President a seven-day visit plan (the GPRC is very much opposed to a five-day plan). Plan for the seven-day visit is attached.
2. The size of the total party is approved for approximately 361. Additions can be made "as new situations are justified and only with PRC consent." They are very reasonable on this matter.
3. All housing, transportation and facility needs as detailed in the fundamental plan are agreed upon in principle.
4. Presidential and support aircraft numbers are agreed upon. It is realized that itinerary or equipment changes may alter the number of planes.
5. According to Henry, Mrs. Nixon is acceptable to the Chinese. However, Henry needs to discuss this further with the President.

PRESS:

1. The press news gathering contingent is approved for a maximum of 80. (No additions in numbers will be accepted.)

2. It was agreed that news releases regarding substantive matters would be released only as agreed up by the two countries.
3. Foreign press (third countries) will be handled by the PRC.
4. The press corps can visit every city when the President goes.

GROUND STATION AND 747:

1. A ground station is approved if the PRC can lease it for the duration of the President's visit.
2. If the ground station comes, the 12 US technicians are approved for operating it. PRC technicians will be involved at least as observers.
3. If the 747 and its accompanying equipment, or just the equipment, can be leased by the PRC for the time of the President's visit, then it is approved.
4. It is agreed that 63 US technicians can come to the PRC to operate the 747 technical equipment or ground facility, whichever the case.

MILITARY:

WHCA:

1. The PRC has agreed to the minimum number of WHCA personnel and has indicated that, on a need basis, additional personnel can be added.

THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP:

Mornings:

1. The PRC will expect the President to tour every morning in Peking. The exception would be a visit one morning with Chairman Mao. So, four tours are being planned by the Chinese. These four tours will be necessary even if Mrs. Nixon is along. If the visit with Mao is on afternoon one, then maybe of the four mornings we can keep one open.

2. Morning tours would mean leaving the guest house around between 8:00 or 10:00, depending on the site visited. The latest they would ever have the President back would be 1:00 PM in the afternoon.
3. The Prime Minister will probably accompany the President on every tour. (We may be able to have him out of the car within the city when travelling from the guest house to the meeting site. However, a senior ranking person will always accompany the President. Even if Haldeman is in the car.)
4. Possible options for morning tour (these are the places they showed us for the purpose of getting our reaction):
 - a. Forbidden City
 - b. The Great Wall
 - c. A petroleum plant
 - d. Gymnastic event (also a night option)
 - e. Agricultural commune (maybe in Shanghai)

Afternoons:

1. The President will normally have from 1:00 PM to 3:00 or 3:30 PM clear for personal time. To have a nap at this time is not out of the ordinary in China.
2. The Prime Minister will want to hold meetings from approximately 3:00 or 3:30 to 6:30 or 7:00 PM.
3. Of the 5 afternoons in Peking, it may be possible to hold one entirely clear for personal/staff time.

Evenings:

1. They will be anxious, as good hosts, to fill every evening. However, with some forethought we ought to be able to hold one free. Perhaps with a cover of the President having to meet with staff. But, be aware they will know everything and false excuses should be avoided.

2. Present options for the evening are:

- a. First night welcome banquet hosted by the Prime Minister
- b. Fifth night in Peking reciprocal banquet hosted by the President. They will cater. (Location undecided, but guest house a possibility.)
- c. Options for nights two, three and four:
 - (1) Opera - the President is sunk one night. He must go through this ordeal.
 - (2) Gymnastics. This is going to be a good people event. The stadium is great and it will put him with people.
 - (3) Open night for the President or a film. Film is very boring.