



STATE OF OREGON

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TO: Governor

DATE: January 9, 1984

FROM: Gerry Thompson

SUBJECT: Premier of China's Visit

The Premier's visit to the United States is the result of negotiations for President Reagan's visit to China in April. It is agreed that if Reagan was to be received in China, the U.S. would receive the Premier in the U.S. in January.

As you know, Glenna got a call from Paul Phillips extending an invitation from Phil Knight of Nike Corp. to be his guest in attending a cocktail reception and dinner in San Francisco the evening of Friday, January 13. Glenna checked this with me and being aware that the Premier is like our President, I felt protocol was of the utmost importance.

I talked with Lee Verstandig of the White House. Indeed, the Premier is visiting, as you well know by reading the papers. The Premier arrived Saturday in Honolulu where Governor Aryoshi hosted a very small, informal dinner. From there the Premier flew to Virginia, landed at Langley Air Force Base and spent Sunday in Williamsburg. Monday, January 9, the Premier will be officially received by the President, then spend January 10 and 11 in Washington visiting cabinet officials and other political hierarchy. Thursday, January 12, he flies to San Francisco and will be met by Governor Deukmejian and the Mayor of San Francisco. Several events will occur in San Francisco Friday, including the Friday evening function to which Paul has invited you. He spends the 14th and 15th in New York and the 16th with former Presidents Nixon, Ford and Carter and Henry Kissinger. Then he leaves for return to his country.

Paul Phillips was insistent that Phil Knight was entitled to take a guest, therefore the invitation. Apparently the California host committee asked Nike to be a contributor, i.e., sponsor, for the Friday evening function. Companies interested in doing business with Red China are being invited to that function.

Because of the worry of protocol, i.e., your attending another Governor's function without an official invitation from that Governor, I talked with Pet McBryant of Governor Deukmejian's office. Pete is arranging most of the functions for the Premier. Paul had indicated to us that California had received short notice of their involvement and therefore a formal invitation was on its way to us. Pete was unaware of this.



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Pete called me late Friday evening after having checked with everybody and tells me Deukemejian would be more than happy to have you in attendance. Pete has arranged for a formal invitation to be sent to us immediately. I stressed with Pete that we were not asking for an invitation, but were just checking the legitimacy of the Nike invitation extended to you plus doing courtesy checks to prevent any embarrassment to either you or Governor Deukemejian.

Bottom line is, after all of the circumstances reviewed and contacts made, you are more than welcome to attend, and you will be provided a formal invitation. The decision is now yours whether you wish to go. We need to confirm today with Paul Phillips since Nike has arranged for your flight down Friday and return Saturday as well as a suite for your stay Friday night.

Please let Glenna know of your decision as soon as possible so that confirmation can be given to Paul Phillips.

cc: Denny Miles