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General Zhang Wannian
Vice Chairman
Central Military Commission
People's Republic of China

Dear General Zhang:

I enjoyed very much meeting with you again after almost two years. My visit to China was most successful, especially our discussions on regional and bi-lateral issues of mutual interest. Dialogue among our senior leaders is extremely important in developing clearer understanding and cooperation between our Armed Forces.

Our talks were constructive and contributed significantly to the strengthening and improvement of relations between the United States and China. It is in both our nations' interest to work together to achieve the common objective of a safer and more peaceful world in the 21st century.

I also thank you and Madam Zhong Peizhao for your gracious hospitality in hosting Janet and me to a delicious luncheon in the magnificent Great Hall of the People. I was especially delighted to meet General Yu and talk to him about his forthcoming trip to the United States.

Again, thank you and all the members of the People's Liberation Army who worked so hard to make my visit such a success.

Sincerely,