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**US-Hosted Reciprocal Dinner
Thursday, July 13**

U.S. Attendees: 25 U.S.

Chinese Attendees: 25 Chinese guests

Background:

This SECDEF-hosted event will be your reciprocal dinner with Chinese Minister of Defense CHI ("CHIRR") Haotian. This will be the last "military" event on this trip as you depart for Shanghai the following morning. You will be able to follow up on key issues that emerged from your two days of meetings. This is the opportunity to express your appreciation for the visit and the candor of the discussions. You may wish to restate your invitation to General Chi to visit the U.S. in 2001.

Objectives:

- Place the visit in a positive context
- Cement the mutual understanding that the only sensible future is one where the U.S. and China work together as responsible leaders in the world

Key Themes:

- Importance of mil-mil relations as key component of bilateral relationship: promotion of dialogue and mutual understanding
- Restraint on Taiwan, peaceful resolution, and no use of force
- Conflict between our two nations is not and need not be inevitable but peaceful relations bring major benefits to both

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