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The Honorable Mayor Xu Kuangdi  
Office of the Mayor  
Shanghai, People's Republic of China

Dear Mayor Xu:

Please accept my sincerest thank you for your hospitality to Janet and me during our brief visit to Shanghai. I was very pleased to visit Shanghai again and to renew our friendship. And, as a former mayor, myself, I was especially pleased to hear your views on running a booming metropolis like Shanghai. Your problems certainly dwarf those I encountered in Bangor, Maine.

We both appreciate your very gracious hosting of the luncheon at the Jin Jiang Hotel on Friday. There clearly was a sense of history around us as we talked in the same location where President Nixon and Premier Zhou Enlai signed the historic communiqué.

I feel our discussions were productive and successfully demonstrated the mutual desires we have for China's entry into the WTO and how globalization makes us neighbors. As I mentioned, the economic success of China and the United States is becoming increasingly interrelated.

Thank you again for making my visit to Shanghai a success. I look forward to visiting you and Shanghai again in the future and wish you well.

Sincerely,

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