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Ambassador Yang Jiechi  
Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United States  
2300 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ambassador Yang:

I am writing with an urgent request. I plan to travel to the People's Republic of China next month, from January tenth through the nineteenth. I ask that you arrange for me to meet, during that time, with Dr. Yang Jianli.

Dr. Yang, a scholar and a committed democrat, has been held incommunicado in China since April 2002. I and other Members of Congress have previously written to you and to President Jiang Zemin to express our concern about Dr. Yang. We are dismayed that Chinese authorities, in apparent disregard of Chinese law, have not permitted him to see family members or legal advisors.

I am aware of the charge that Dr. Yang entered China with documents that were not his own. However, the circumstances of his imprisonment raise serious questions about China's commitment to human rights and the rule of law.

I want to see and talk with Dr. Yang, to assure myself that he is in good health. I would like also to give him a letter from his U.S. citizen wife, Christina Fu, and recent pictures of his children. Surely a husband and father ought not to be denied news of his family.

Please let me know where and when I may see Dr. Yang. My Washington office, 202/225-5111, will always be able to reach me.

Many thanks for your anticipated cooperation. I hope to see the United States and the People's Republic of China work together for peace and freedom.

Sincerely,

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cc: Lorne W. Craner, Assistant Secretary, Democracy, Human Rights and Labor  
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