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MEMORANDUM FOR HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM: W. R. Smyser

SUBJECT: Letter from Your Friend in Paris, and Other Chinese Miscellanea

I have received a note for you from your friend Jean in Paris (Tab A). The translation reads:

"Dear Henry:

"I have not forgotten our conversation of the 27th of September at my home and I can confirm to you that which I told you about the Chinese Ambassador in France. He is indeed a former general, having participated in the Long March and remained on good terms with Mao. The fact that he is one of the two only ambassadors who are members of the central committee proves that he must be listened to in Peking. The only other Ambassador who is also a member of the central committee is in Albania.

"Recalled to China at the moment of the Cultural Revolution, Hoang Chen, after two years away, appears to have come back to Paris with his position solidified (consolidated).

"I confirm that I have good relations with him and that it would doubtless be possible for me to speak to him along the lines we envisaged in our conversation. I await your word.

Faithfully yours,

J."

I cannot suggest a reply to this since I do not know the state of play of all our Chinese efforts. But I note that he appears to have taken a long time to obtain rather basic information and that he does not

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refer to the interpreter problem he cited in our conversation. So I do not really know what to make of it. Maybe Jean first checked with his government. In any case, I stand ready to transmit a reply on my personal stationery.

The French Delegate in Hanoi has told Ambassador Godley that the Chinese Ambassador there has several times recently spoken of the possibility of China being admitted to the UN. He finds this remarkable because until the last two or three months the Chinese gave every appearance of having little or no interest in being admitted to the UN.

An official of the French Embassy here, M. Bujon, told me yesterday that he thought the Chinese were indeed interested in getting into the UN (which he also probably got from their man in Hanoi). He thought that their chances were pretty good, even this year. He cited Canada and Italy and said that Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Singapore and others would also support China's admission as well as vote against us on the "important question" issue.

Attachment

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