

## **Excerpt from “United States-China Relations”**

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“...DURING MY TENURE AS AMBASSADOR TO CHINA, I HAVE PERSISTENTLY AND CONTINUOUSLY RAISED INDIVIDUAL HUMAN RIGHTS CASES INVOLVING PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE, AS WELL AS HUMANITARIAN CASES INVOLVING VICTIMS OF CHINA’S EVOLVING LEGAL SYSTEM; A SYSTEM THAT IS ALL TOO FREQUENTLY MARRED BY A LACK OF DUE PROCESS AND A BLATANT DISREGARD FOR ITS OWN RULES.

NO OTHER SINGLE ISSUE RECEIVES MORE OF MY PERSONAL ATTENTION.

CASES OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE ARE STILL ALL TOO COMMON IN CHINA.

FOR INSTANCE,

— REBIYA KADEER.

MS. KADEER IS AN ETHNIC UIGHUR BUSINESSWOMAN, PERHAPS THE LEADING UIGHUR BUSINESSPERSON IN URUMQI. SHE WAS SENTENCED TO EIGHT YEARS IN PRISON FOR REPORTEDLY PROVIDING “INTELLIGENCE” TO OVERSEAS GROUPS. THAT INTELLIGENCE? NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS.

SHE IS IN POOR HEALTH AND HAS A FAMILY IN THE UNITED STATES.

FOR INSTANCE,

— BISHOP SU ZHIMIN.

BISHOP SU IS A CATHOLIC BISHOP IN CHINA WHO DISAPPEARED AFTER BEING ARRESTED 15 YEARS AGO. WHEN ARRESTED, BISHOP SU WAS IN HIS 70's AND IN FRAIL HEALTH. ALL ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT HIM HAVE FAILED, BUT HE IS REPORTED TO BE ALIVE AND UNDER HOUSE ARREST IN A LOCAL HOTEL.

FOR INSTANCE,

— PHUNTSOG NYIDRON.

SHE IS A TIBETAN BUDDHIST NUN WHO WAS GIVEN A 17-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE IN 1989 FOR PEACEFULLY ADVOCATING GREATER FREEDOM IN TIBET.

FOR INSTANCE,

— JIANG WEIPING,

A FORMER REPORTER FOR THE STATE NEWS AGENCY XINHUA. JIANG WAS SENTENCED TO NINE YEARS IN PRISON FOLLOWING A SECRET TRIAL IN SEPTEMBER 2001 AFTER WRITING A SERIES OF ARTICLES EXPOSING GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION. THE DAY AFTER OUR SECOND BILATERAL HUMAN RIGHTS DIALOGUE IN DECEMBER, JIANG RECEIVED A TWO-YEAR SENTENCE REDUCTION FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR.

FOR INSTANCE,

— WANG YOUCAI.

A CO-FOUNDER, TOGETHER WITH RECENTLY RELEASED ACTIVIST XU WENLI, OF THE CHINA DEMOCRACY PARTY WANG WAS SENTENCED TO 11 YEARS IN PRISON IN 1998. HE IS IN POOR HEALTH.

**ADDITIONALLY,**

**WE CONTINUE TO VIGOROUSLY PRESS THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES FOR THE RELEASE OF INDIVIDUALS, ESPECIALLY AMERICAN CITIZENS, ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS.**

FOR INSTANCE,

— JUDE SHAO,

MR. SHAO IS AN AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN WHO WAS ARRESTED IN APRIL 1998 ON TAX FRAUD CHARGES AND SENTENCED TO 16 YEARS IN PRISON IN MARCH 2000. A PANEL OF SIX EMINENT CHINESE JURISTS HAVE CONCLUDED THAT MR. SHAO DESERVES A NEW TRIAL.

FOR INSTANCE,

— YANG JIANLI.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOSTON-BASED FOUNDATION FOR CHINA IN THE 21ST CENTURY, AND A HARVARD AND CAL-BERKLEY PHD. MR. YANG WAS DETAINED BY CHINESE SECURITY FORCES OVER ONE YEAR AGO, IN APRIL 2002, FOR ENTERING CHINA ON ANOTHER PERSON'S PASSPORT.

HIS FRIENDS AND FAMILY BELIEVE HE WAS ALSO DETAINED BECAUSE OF HIS PRO-DEMOCRACY WORK IN THE UNITED STATES. WE HAVE CALLED ON CHINA TO RETURN MR. YANG TO HIS FAMILY IN THE UNITED STATES.

SADLY, I COULD CONTINUE.

AS I MENTIONED, THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA HAVE INITIATED A FORMAL HUMAN RIGHTS DIALOGUE TO DISCUSS CASES SUCH AS THESE.

BUT, WE DEMAND MORE THAN TALK; WE DEMAND RESULTS. ON THIS SCORE I CAN REPORT TO YOU THAT LAST YEAR, THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT RELEASED ON MEDICAL AND HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS, A RECORD NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING THE FIRST TIBETAN PRISONERS AND

XU WENLI,

THE CO-FOUNDER OF THE CHINA DEMOCRACY PARTY, WHO IS NOW AT BROWN UNIVERSITY. THESE VERY WELCOME AND POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS ARE THE RESULT NOT ONLY OF OUR BILATERAL DIALOGUE, BUT ALSO OF THE EFFORTS OF MANY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND OF MANY FINE AND DEDICATED NGO'S SUCH AS HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH AND JOHN KAMM'S DUIHUA FOUNDATION.

PRESIDENT BUSH HAS URGED THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP TO RELAX RESTRICTIONS ON RELIGION, TO INVITE RELIGIOUS LEADERS TO CHINA TO

ENGAGE IN A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE AND TO EXAMINE THE POSITIVE ROLE OF RELIGION IN SOCIETY.

PRESIDENT BUSH ALSO ASKED CHINA TO ENGAGE THE VATICAN ON RENEWED TIES. LAST YEAR, THE CHINESE PERMITTED THE DALAI LAMA'S BROTHER AND THE DALAI LAMA'S ENVOYS, INCLUDING LODI GHARI TO VISIT TIBET.

AMERICAN COMPANIES CAN CONTRIBUTE IN THIS REGARD THROUGH CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAMS. THESE CAN TAKE MANY FORMS, INCLUDING ATTENTION TO ISSUES OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, CODES OF CONDUCT RELATING TO LABOR, WORKER SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES; GOOD CORPORATE GOVERNANCE POLICIES; TRADITIONAL PHILANTHROPY; PARTNERSHIPS WITH NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS; AND HELPING UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. ...”