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Mr. Georg Mautner-Markhof
Special Assistant to the Secretary-General
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Dear Mr. Mautner-Markhof,

On behalf of The American Council of Young Political Leaders, I want to thank you for your assistance in arranging the meeting with Mr. Brian Urquhart, Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs, for our visiting delegation of young elected and party officials from Western Europe and Canada on Monday, November 3, 1980. The delegates appreciated that opportunity to examine and discuss some of the major U.N. Peacekeeping Missions throughout the world.

Once again, thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

H. Joseph Farmer
Executive Director

HJF/fws
Dear Mr. Farmer,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I should like to thank you for your letter of 30 September 1980, requesting him to meet with a group of young elected and party officials from Western Europe and Canada on 3 November 1980.

The Secretary-General would indeed have been glad to receive the group sponsored by your Council, as in previous years. Unfortunately, as I have already informed you by telephone, his schedule at the time in question is completely taken up by meetings of the General Assembly and with the Heads of UN Specialized Agencies. I am pleased to tell you, however, that Mr. Brian Urquhart, Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs, has agreed to meet with the members of your group on 3 November 1980 at 10.30 a.m. I should be grateful if you could kindly send Mr. Urquhart a list of participants.

The Secretary-General has asked me to convey to you his best wishes for the success of the study tour.

Yours sincerely,

Georg Mautner-Markhof
Special Assistant to the Secretary-General

Mr. H. Joseph Farmer
Executive Director
The American Council of Young Political Leaders
426 "C" Street, N.E.
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September 30, 1980

His Excellency Kurt Waldheim
Secretary-General of The United Nations
United Nations Building
United Nations Plaza
New York, New York 10017

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I am writing to request a meeting with you for a delegation of thirty-five young elected and party officials representing the major political parties of Western Europe and Canada. They will be visiting the United States as participants in an Election Study Tour, October 24 - November 7, 1980. The American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) is the facilitating organization for this study tour which is funded by the United States International Communication Agency.

As part of the study tour, the delegates will have visited Washington, D.C. and Denver/Colorado Springs, Colorado for briefings, meetings and a firsthand exposure to the U.S. Electoral System. Upon departing New York, the group will go to Nashville, Tennessee where they will take part in a post-election seminar with thirty young American politicians.

The delegation will be in New York City from mid-afternoon Saturday, November 1, through the morning of Tuesday, November 4. We hope to program a day of activities focused on The United Nations on Monday, November 3. We would be pleased if you could take time to meet with them that day.

The ACYPL is most grateful for your cooperation in the past when you met with visiting groups from Western Europe and Canada (1978), the U.S.S.R. (1979), and the People's Republic of China (1979). Your meeting with these delegations was certainly one
of the highlights of their visit to the United States. Although you are familiar with the ACYPL from these past activities, I am enclosing some background information for your convenience.

I thank you for your kind consideration of this request and I hope that you are able to meet with this delegation on Monday, November 3, 1980. I look forward to hearing from your office regarding this matter.

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December 20, 1979

Hon. Kurt Waldheim
Secretary-General
The United Nations
United Nations Plaza
New York City, N.Y. 10017

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

On behalf of the American Council of Young Political Leaders, I would like to express our appreciation for your taking time out of your busy schedule to meet with our visiting delegation of political leaders from the People's Republic of China on December 7.

The delegation was very pleased that they were able to meet with you as part of their program in the U.S., despite the pressing events of the moment. We believe it is important to give our visiting delegations some exposure to the activities of the United Nations, and we appreciate your continued cooperation and assistance.

Thank you very much.

With best wishes for 1980,

Sincerely,

H. Joseph Farmer
Executive Director

HJF/db
November 7, 1979

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Secretary-General
The United Nations
United Nations Plaza
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

I am writing you in regard to the possibility of arranging a meeting with a visiting delegation of political leaders from the People's Republic of China.

This program marks the first visit of a delegation from the PRC to the U.S. under ACYPL auspices. I believe that you are familiar with the ACYPL from meetings with groups of younger politicians from the Soviet Union and Europe. This group, although not young in our conventional sense, is sponsored by the All China Youth Federation, the umbrella organization for all youth activities in the PRC. The ACYPL will be hosting this group in the U.S. for two weeks, as part of our ongoing activities to foster mutual understanding among the generations of younger political leaders around the world.

In New York City, we are programming a day focused on the United Nations. We would be extremely pleased if you would be able to take time to meet with the PRC delegation on Friday, December 7, 1979.

Enclosed please find a list of the delegation and some background material on the ACYPL.

We are hopeful that we will be able to arrange this meeting, and I will be in touch with your office regarding the scheduling.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Douglas J. Bergner
Program Officer

Enclosures: as stated

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ALL CHINA YOUTH FEDERATION DELEGATION TO THE U.S.

November 26 - December 9, 1979

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Ms. Hao Jian Xiu, Vice Minister, Ministry of the Textile Industry
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June 22, 1979

His Excellency Kurt Waldheim
Secretary-General of the United Nations
The United Nations
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

    On behalf of the American Council of Young Political Leaders, I would like to thank you for taking the time from your busy schedule to meet with our visiting Soviet delegation. They found the discussion most informative, and I think gained a great experience from the session.

    The study tour went very well, and I know the Soviets will long remember their visit to the United Nations!

    Again, many thanks.

        Sincerely,
        Douglas J. Bergner
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(June 1 - 15, 1979)

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The delegate selection process is, of course, of crucial importance. ACYPL delegations going to other countries are composed of young men and women who have already made a mark for themselves in the American political process, and who will more than likely go on to senior leadership positions. The ACYPL strives to ensure a balanced delegation that, without sacrificing quality, will assure representation of men and women of different backgrounds and viewpoints. In fact, only by maintaining such a balance will foreign host nations gain realistic insights into the full diversity of American perspectives.
United States: The ACYPL, again with assistance from the International Communication Agency, regularly hosts delegations of young political leaders from abroad for study tours of the United States. These tours provide an inside look at the way politics and government work at the local, state and national levels. They include meetings and discussions with key political and government officials, mini-seminars on topics of unique interest to politicians, special briefings on U.S. foreign policy, explanations of American political campaign techniques, visits and dinners with American counterparts and their families, and an appropriate amount of sightseeing and social functions. Because of the effective work of the Council, future leaders in many foreign countries look to the United States with greater knowledge, greater understanding and greater goodwill.

Seminars

In conjunction with study tours for delegations of young politicians from abroad, the ACYPL organizes varying kinds of seminars, which may last four days or four hours. Through them an opportunity to discuss, to question, to debate and to reflect is provided. The ACYPL has had several seminars with the Committee of Youth Organizations of the Soviet Union. In each of these, an equal number of Americans and Soviets met for several days for discussions on politics, education, government and international affairs. Similar seminars are held on a multilateral and bilateral basis with Western Europe and Japan.

Workshops

The most recent addition to the ACYPL program portfolio is workshops -- held around the country -- focusing on a specific country, region or issue.

A generous grant from the Tinker Foundation will enable the ACYPL to sponsor a number of workshops on various Latin American countries. The first of this series, "Mexico -- Colossus of the South", was held four days before President Carter called upon President Portillo in Mexico City in March, 1979.

During 1979, in recognition of the 30th anniversary of NATO, the ACYPL, in cooperation with the Atlantic Council of the United States, will also convene a series of workshops on the common security, economic and political concerns of the NATO countries.
THE FUTURE

The most worthwhile aspect of the American Council of Young Political Leader's program is that it provides young political leaders with the opportunity to appreciate firsthand the interests, individuals and the inconsistencies which comprise international relations today, thereby better equipping them for the responsibilities of leadership.

Thousands of outstanding young leaders -- who are moving up through the political system -- need the international affairs background and experience which the ACYPL provides.

Their involvement is limited only by the extent to which the ACYPL can secure the financial resources necessary to sustain and expand its programs.
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Dear Mr. Sharpless,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I wish to thank you for your letter of 21 October 1978 inviting him to address a group of Young Political Leaders from Europe next Monday 6 November at 9.30 a.m.

I am pleased to confirm that the Secretary-General has agreed to meet with this group and that the format which you have suggested is acceptable to the Secretary-General. I would appreciate it if you would kindly send us a list of the participants.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Ferdinand Mayrhofer-Grunbuhel
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Mr. William L. Sharpless
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Dear Mr. Waldheim:

I was very pleased indeed to hear that you will be able to meet on Monday, November 6 at 9:30, with participants in the American Council of Young Political Leaders United States Election Tour for Young Political Leaders from Western Europe. There are scheduled to be 22 participants and two escort officers. I will forward a list of names and titles to your office as soon as it is available.

You may recall meeting with a similar group in November, 1976. At that time, Bill Maynes, then with Carnegie Endowment, introduced you. I would think that the format used then - namely, a short overview by you on key concerns, leaving the remaining time for questions and answers would again be appropriate.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

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