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Dear Reverend Cooper,

The Secretary-General has asked me to acknowledge your letter with regard to Reverend Paul Mackensen who is a prisoner in China.

The Secretary-General has the greatest sympathy for your concern about your friend and appreciates your desire to try all means that could possibly lead to his release. Since the case of Reverend Mackensen, being a civilian, belongs to another category of persons detained in China than that regarding which the Secretary-General must in the first place direct his efforts, the Secretary-General would unfortunately not be able at this stage to take any action in accordance with your suggestions. He feels, however, that it would be appropriate for you to discuss this matter with the Department of State or the United States Mission to the United Nations, who are dealing with the question of release and exit permits for imprisoned and detained civilian United States nationals.

Yours sincerely,

Per Lind

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