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Peking story

June 19 - 1 July 1955

(conc. exit permit for Chinese student)

Corresp. D. H. — Dr. Cheng, Lin-sheng (Columbus, Ohio, USA)  
State University

and corresp. between office of the Sec. Gen. - and U.S. Mission to the UN.

June 19, 1955

Dr. Cheng, Lin-sheng  
126 W. Frambes Ave.  
Columbus 1, Ohio

Secretary General Hammarsjold  
The United Nations,  
New York

Dear sir:

I am one of those Chinese students who still have not been able to obtain permission to leave the United States and hope that by writing to you I might be given some advice for resolving my difficulty.

I came to the United States for graduate study at the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio in 1948 and received my Ph. D. in specialization of nuclear physics in 1952. After my graduation I have been employed by the university as Research Associate, taking the duty of assisting the graduate students in academic researches. As an alien I have not been allowed accessible to any confidential information in nuclear research.

On April 24, 1955 I wrote a letter to the Immigration Service in Detroit, applying for an exit permit to return to China Mainland, where my family lives. On May 7th I was informed that my case was under consideration. However one month had passed, and knowing that some of my Chinese fellow students had already had their permits granted, I wrote another letter on May 24th to the Immigration authority re-expressing my desire to join my family in China, but have not been further noticed up to date.

I surmise, though I am not so sure, that perhaps it is due to the fact that I am trained as a nuclear physicist. Since I have not had any confidential information on nuclear research in this country, I feel strongly that I should be granted the permit for going back home as other Chinese students are.

Very sincerely yours,

*Cheng, Lin-sheng*  
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Malaysia.

Two main things are required.

a) I must send a reply to the student expressing personal interest in the matter.

b) I must write a follow-up letter to Lodge, drawing his attention to the case as in contradiction to the information I have received from the Administration and which I have used both for the Chinese and in public statements.

Please, draft.

1 July 1955

Dear Dr. Cheng,

I should like to acknowledge your letter of 19 June and to assure you of my personal interest in the outcome of your application for an exit permit. I cannot give you any advice for resolving the difficulty, but I have transmitted a copy of your letter to the United States Mission to the United Nations.

This letter is, of course, a personal acknowledgement, and it would not be appropriate to use it in connection with any further correspondence you may have with the Immigration authorities of the United States.

Yours sincerely,

Dag Hammarskjold  
Secretary-General

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Columbus 1, Ohio.

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June 27, 1955

Dear Leo:

N This will acknowledge yours of the 23rd, enclosing a letter from a Chinese student in the United States. A copy of that letter has been forwarded to the State Department in Washington.

Yours sincerely,

Charles D. Cook  
Deputy Counselor

UN-3475/A

Mr. Leo Malania,  
Office of the Secretary-General,  
United Nations,  
New York.

23 June 1955

My dear Charlie,

..... I have been asked by Mr. Cordier to send the enclosed letter from a Chinese student in the United States to you for the information of the Mission and for transmission to the State Department.

Yours sincerely,

L. Malania

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