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March 24, 1969

U.S. Senator Robert Dole
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Dole:

Isn't it just about time this country opens its eyes and admits that a quarter of the world's population is housed in Red China?

How are we ever going to be able to talk to this country and arrive at any kind of mutual understandings at all so long as we don't recognize that they are there?

So much has been said in the past days about the Safeguard ABM System. What good will it do us to be able to stop the first barrage of missiles, and for that matter, what assurances do we have that these missiles will work when they are installed? If it ever came to that wouldn't it be kind of ridiculous to worry about who could destroy who first? Even if we did have the upper hand, we would still inevitably suffer about the same consequences.


In my opinion, I definitely think something should be done toward Red China before they have a perfected missile force. But, also it is my opinion that we should spend more time and money trying to work out a solution that would insure peace through peaceful means, not by seeing who can get there fastest with the mostest.

I would very much like to hear your views on this matter. I truly want to understand the situation. But at this time, it all seems rather absurd to me.

Here we sit -- the most powerful, the richest nation in the world. Our military might is surpassed by none. Yet, in many areas of our country, rats chew on children in the night.

I am not judging you. As an elected official from the State of Kansas you know more about these things than do I. That is why I am writing to you. I want to understand.

Respectfully,



Red China

April 2, 1969

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Dear ██████████

Thank you for your letter of March 24 conveying your views on Red China.

The admission of Red China to the UN and how to establish some form of diplomatic communication is a matter which is under constant consideration in the Department of State according to the best information available in Washington. I am sure it is a subject which is not being neglected for our foreign policy experts are very much aware of Red China's growing power and its threat to world security both from a military standpoint as well as economically. The decision on what steps should be taken to keep our Nation strong militarily and what should be done with respect to domestic problems needing our immediate attention are not easy ones to find solutions for.

It is my hope and prayer and I am sure I am joined by millions of others that our involvement in Vietnam can come to an end at the earliest possible time and at least a portion of the resources being wasted on that effort can be spent for more useful and needed purposes.

Any time we may be of assistance in any way, do let me know.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE
U. S. Senate

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