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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF ANIMALS

1. AT MARCH 31 MEETING, FIRST SECRETARY TEAD TOLD POLITICAL COUNSELOR THAT CHINESE WELCOME DR. REED AND MR. MOUNT ACCOMPANYING WUSK OREN TO PEKING DURING FIRST TEN DAYS OF APRIL. CHINESE HAPPY TO HAVE REED AND MOUNT STAY IN PEKING FOR "A PERIOD OF TIME" TO EXPLAIN CARE OF ANIMALS.
2. CHINESE AUTHORIZE US AIRCRAFT BRINGING ANIMALS TO ENTER CHINA AT SHANGHAI. AFTER CHINESE NAVIGATOR HAS BOARDED AIRCRAFT, IT WILL FLY TO PEKING. CHINESE REQUEST ASAP ETA, CALL SIGN AND IDENTIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT. CHINESE ALSO WISH TO KNOW WHETHER ANYONE ELSE OTHER THAN REED, MOUNT AND AIRCRAFT CREW WILL ACCOMPANY MURKOVEN TO CHINA. PLEASE ADVISE.
3. THE CHINESE WILL GIVE ONE FEMALE AND ONE MALE PANDA TO THE US. EACH PANDA IS ONE AND ONE-HALF YEARS OLD AND THEY HAVE BEEN KEPT SEPARATED. CHINESE INTEND TO SEND FOUR PERSONS TO ACCOMPANY PANDAS TO US. THEY ARE: "THE RESPONSIBLE MEMBER" OF BUREAU OF PUBLIC SERVICES OF PEKING, A ZOO ADVISOR, A "TECHNICIAN" AND AN INTERPRETER. NAMES WILL BE PROVIDED LATER. WHEN THEIR WORK IN US IS FINISHED, THEY WILL RETURN TO CHINA BY COMMERCIAL AIR TO NEW YORK.

LEFT PLEASE PASS UNITE HOUSE FOR DWIGHT CHAPIN.

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