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To: President William Clinton **From:** Carolyn Wright, President/CEO

Fax: **Pages:**

Phone: **Date:**

Re: **CC:**

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• **Comments:**

I respectfully submit this letter with attached documents to seek your help with the enclosed matter.

My sincere thanks for taking the time to read the following information and help or either help us be able to tell this family why it can not happen. Thank you.

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Yes ✓

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July 29, 1999

The Voice for Business

The President William Clinton
Executive Office of the President
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Houston West Chamber of Commerce has been working with Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Senator Phil Gramm, Representative Bill Archer, Representative Bentsen, Representative Sheila Jackson Lee and Mayor Lee Brown concerning L2 visas to be granted for Liu Guo Ming and his son Liu Chang to have the opportunity to come visit their wife and mother "Angela" Yan Yu in Houston. Liu Guo Ming has visas with Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Poland, Thailand and Russia.

Angela Yu opened Shanghai Airlines International Tours Inc. in Houston January of this year. Her dedication, professionalism and love for her homeland come through. She has worked very hard to make the business community aware of the opportunities to do business in China. As of this date four trade missions of medium to small size businesses have had the opportunity to participate at a most economical cost to build relations and see first hand opportunities to expand their businesses internationally. Shanghai Airlines has invested in our country with expectations of helping to develop trade between China and Houston businesses. This office and the progress that is being made will be closed very soon if they can not know they can visit here as well as she go home from time to time. I personally find this so very hard to understand when other immigrants come to our great country without a place to live or work.

As you will read in the following correspondence they have been denied now five times. At first no explanations were given to the family. After receiving from Representative Archer's office the required papers needed for this type of visa such as personal income, Shanghai Airlines financial records and other documents the documents were again presented and were again denied.

JJ Slaughter from Senator Ken Bentsen office spoke to the Consulate in Shanghai concerning the Visa's being denied now five times. The following simple bottom line as JJ stated "the husband and son are poor candidates and unlikely will never be issued visas to come and visit their mother and wife in Houston. The reason given was a combination of two issues:

- Burden of proof to return to China
- Risk that they will not return to their homeland they love.

JJ also stated the officers and the consulate issue visas at their ultimate discretion in the law.

President Clinton, it appears even an act of congress can not get a simple visit for a young committed family, willing to sacrifice being a part for a while to enable the company in which they both work for be able to open the doors and opportunities to Houston businesses for trade with China.

Richard Jennings, Chairman of HWCC has agreed to sponsor this family for the "visit" they wish to make to spend time with their family in Houston. Richard

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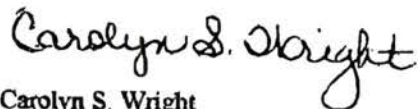
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and I have both had the opportunity to meet this fine young family and know how much they love their country and their commitment to our countries working together.

President Clinton, I would very much appreciate your help in this matter. I find it so very hard to understand how our great country, the land of opportunity can be so harsh in not allowing this family to have visiting privileges. To allow visas to be at the discretion of officers of the consulate office and the rudeness this family has had to endure by our country makes me very somber.

I respectfully close by thanking you for your interest, time and dedication to making this happen.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn S. Wright". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Carolyn S. Wright
President/CEO



The Voice for Business

July 29, 1999

U.S. Representative Ken Bentsen
United States Representative
6575 West Loop South, Ste. 496
Houston, Texas 77401

Dear U.S. Representative Bentsen:

This letter is to keep you informed on the case of Liu Guo Ming and his four year old son, Liu Chang to secure L-2 Visas to ONLY VISIT their wife and mother, "Angela" Yan Hu now working here in Houston.

Yesterday I received a call from JJ Slaughter from Senator Ken Bentsen office. He had spoken to the Consulate in Shanghai concerning the Visa's being denied now five times. The following simple bottom line as JJ stated "The husband and son are poor candidates and unlikely will never be issued visas to come and visit their mother and wife in Houston. " The reason given was a combination of two issues:

- Burden of proof to return to China
- Risk that they will not return to their homeland they love.

JJ also stated the consulate said that "officers and the consulate issue visas at their ultimate discretion" and that is in the law.

Angela has only been in the Houston - Shanghai Airlines office since January of this year. Her dedication, professionalism and love for her homeland comes through. She has worked very hard to make the business community aware of the opportunities to do business in China. As of this date four trade missions of medium to small size businesses have had the opportunity to participate at a most economical cost to o build relations and see first hand opportunities to expand their businesses internationally. Shanghai Airlines has invested in our country with expectations of helping to develop trade between China and Houston businesses. However, this is all at risk because of the continued visa denials. I personally find this difficult to understand when other immigrants are able to come to our great country without a place to live or work.

Richard Jennings, Chairman of HWCC has agreed to sponsor this family for the "visit" if needed whenever they wish to make to spend time with their family in Houston. Richard and I have both had the opportunity to meet this fine young family and know how much they love their country and their commitment to our countries working together. They are not a risk to stay in the United States.

I am pleading for you to continue in helping this family obtain these visas. To allow these visas to be at the discretion of officers of the consulate office and the rudeness this family has had to endure by our country makes me very somber.

I respectfully close by thanking you for your interest, time and dedication to making this happen.

Sincerely,

Carolyn S. Wright
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President/CEO

Cc: The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison, The Honorable Phil Gramm
The Honorable Bill Archer, The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee,
The Honorable Mayor Lee P Brown

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The Voice for Business

July 22, 1999

The Honorable «FirstName» «LastName»
«Address1»
Houston, Texas «PostalCode»

Dear «Title» «LastName» :

Thank you for your assistance over the last month with the visas for Liu Guo Ming and his minor son. Unfortunately, the family has been turned down again for L2 visas to visit Houston. I request that you read the enclosed E-mail from Liu Guo Ming in China and the forwarding E-mail to me from his wife, "Angela" Yan Hu, in Houston. It appears that the consular staff in Shanghai is being vindictive because of your inquiries, and the family is being made to suffer. It is all so very sad as you will read in the E-mail.

I believe that this whole situation brings great embarrassment upon the United States of America, our elected officials in Congress and the Houston West Chamber of Commerce. I'm sure now that not even an act of Congress can change this very sad situation. Shanghai Airlines now will begin to close its Houston office and the economic development opportunities we dreamed about for Houston businesses with China may be forever gone. All because our own officials in the U. S. Consulate in Shanghai seem to enjoy being "the ugly Americans."

I do not know if anything can be done to rectify the damage that has already been done. While this is not a matter of national security, it is extremely important to Houston's business community. If there is any way that you can collectively ask Secretary of State Albright and President Clinton to intervene in this situation, please do so immediately. They may be the only two officials in our whole government who might get visas issued to Liu Guo Ming and his minor son Liu Chang.

Respectfully,

Richard L. Jennings
1999 Chairman of the Board

Enclosure

Cc: The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison
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FW: visa failed again

Subject: FW: visa failed again**Date:** Thu, 22 Jul 1999 10:17:05 -0500**From:** "JENNINGS, RICHARD L (SWBT)" <rj4857@txmail.sbc.com>**To:** carolyn@houstonwestchamber.org

-----Original Message-----

From: Angela Hu []
 < >
 Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 1999 10:48 AM
 To: richard l jennings
 Subject: Fw: visa failed again

----- Original Message -----

From: Angela Hu <chinatour1@email.msn.com>
 < >
 To: JENNINGS, RICHARD L (SWBT) <rj4857@txmail.sbc.com>
 < >
 Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 1999 10:38 AM
 Subject: Fw: visa failed again

> Dear Richard,
 >
 > The bad news comes. It made me so sad and the whole night
 > I couldn't fall sleep. I'm very sick today and need to stay at
 home
 > for a good rest. Please read the forward letter from my husband.
 >
 > Nothing to complain since the consulate will always find the new
 > excuse to turn us down. But I'm angry with the fact:
 > 1. each time my husband shows the same documents including
 > the 1998 tax report to them and they said they read them before,
 > why only this time they find our company has less profit ?
 > 2. What is the standard profit our company should earn to be legal?
 > Every new business will experience the development period and
 > may loss money for the first or second year. Is it the excuse we
 can't
 > keep our company going?
 >
 > Anyway, my whole family is so tired with this case and hope to get
 > the right answer before my returning home.
 >
 > Thank you again for your help.
 >
 > Sincerely,
 >
 > Angela
 > ----- Original Message -----
 > From: Liu Guo Ming <sccttc@guomai.sh.cn >
 >
 > To: angela hu & geoffrey liu <CHINATOUR1@msn.com>
 < >
 > Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 1999 9:03 PM
 > Subject: visa failed again
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reason

> and her grandson can't see her mama this time.

>

> There is no point of going to the States any more. We've been

missing

> you badly. No doubt the work is important for us. Especially after

your

> great effort, your company in the States has a very good beginning

> already. But the family is important as well. I'm going to report

all

> these to Shanghai Airlines Group soon. I'll suggest to close the

company

> as soon as possible. I think you can start the work already to

close the

> company. Of course we'll carry out all those business you've

signed

> already. But please don't accept any new business. By the way our

> company in Japan is running very well. We were recently requested

to

> set up a branch company by our German partner. Probably you can

move

> the company to Germany. Please take it into your consideration.

>

> We are all looking forward to your coming back. This time our

son

is really get hurt. He is collecting his toys to show you

soon while in

the

states. But the dream broke. He kept silence after back from the consulate.

I really worry about his growth in the future. As you know

we've spent

too

much money and time for the visa. If we failed again to

obtain the visa,

it'll be very bad for our son. He is only 4 years old. He is

too small

to

accept this result. I myself can hardly explain to him why.

Please don't make him sad any more. He only wants to see mama.

> Again please give my regards to the Congressmen who help us a

lot

and also give my regards to Mr. Richard Jennings. Please don't give them any more trouble.

> It's late now here in Shanghai. I'll write you tomorrow.

Please don't

> be sad. Take care of yourself and we all love you, my dearest.

>

>

> With love and kiss

>

>

> Your Guoming and son

>

>

>

>

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>
> Dear Yan,
>
> We came back from the US Consulate just now. The visa is refused
again
> like several times before. But our feeling is much worse this
time.
> We were first interviewed by a woman consular officer at window
No.1.
> She told me that she had interviewed us before. This time another
officer
> would interview us. We then were asked to go to window No.2 to
have the
> interview by a man consular officer. We greeted him. But he was
very
> rude. He said angrily to me: " I'm reading every page of your
documents
> now. Don't mention to anybody any more that I didn't read your
> documents." Two minutes later, he told me that our visa was
refused. The
> reason this time is that our company in the States has too little
profit.
> I explained him that our business just started only early this
year.
> The first quarter of this year the company employed two staff and
second
> quarter it employed 4 staff. The business is not easy. But the
company
> starts to have business already though it is not a great amount.
> Besides our Airlines Group has bought many planes from the
> States already. We won't have any financial problem. The consular
officer
> didn't want to listen to my explanation any more and made us go.
> I asked this consular officer again whether all the documents we
showed
> him were right. He said to me that the documents were right. But
you
can't
> prove it financially. It's ridiculous. But it's the excuse he
found to
refuse us.
>
> We are feeling greatly disappointed and angry. It's obvious that
we have
> been fooled again. We were asked again and again to present the
documents to the US Consulate in Shanghai, which they never read before. If
they had read it, they would not have told me that the company has too
little profit this time. As you know we showed our business situation (tax
report) to the consulate every interview time. But they never mentioned this
problem.
They even didn't show this evidence in the letter to the congressman
Mr. Bill Archer.
> We are so obliged that some American Congressmen and friends
wrote
letter for us to the Consulate. We were very confident to have the
interview
> today with all requested documents. Unfortunately we were badly
treated
because we asked Congressmen for help and pointed out

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their
 officer does not
 respect
 about this
 consular
 always find
 excuse to turn
 but only
 get 2 minutes
 since he gets
 to know
 company
 Shanghai. It's just for
 finding
 carelessness in our case. It seems to me the consular
 the Congressmen at all. I don't want describe any more
 officer here since no matter what I explained they will
 me down. To think we spent 5 hours to wait for the interview
 meeting. Only Mr. Richard can understand and believe us
 more about China and Shanghai now. The purpose to set up the
 in the states is not that we live a poor life in
 new business opportunity for both side.

>
 > It's a very tough day for our son today. Our appointment of
 interview
 > was 09:30am. But we were not interviewed until 11:45am when the
 > computer had the problem. Please note our appointment number is
 > 223 and 224. By the time 11:45am those appointment number over
 > 350 were interviewed already before us. Our son was so hungry and
 > thirsty after waiting more than 2 hours inside the consulate.
 Then we
 > were asked to come back again at one o'clock in the afternoon.
 > We were the last 10 people to be interviewed at around 2 o'clock
 > in the afternoon. What's more the consular officer found another
 excuse
 > to refuse the visa finally.
 >
 > It's not fair for us. If they let us know that problem, we won't
 have to
 go
 > there today. We have been really fooled and revenged. At first I
 don't
 know
 > why we were put to the last few to be interviewed. Now I can
 understand
 > that it could be a kind of punishment for our mentioning their
 behavior
 > to the Congressmen. I can't believe it, but it happened like
 elsewhere
 > in the world. Our son was crying when he knew he couldn't see Mom
 this
 > time. Your mother is suffering cancer for 1 year already. In order
 to
 > support
 > your work, she has been tried her best to help us by taking care
 of our
 son.
 > She was terribly sad when she knew our visa were refused by
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The Voice for Business

June 24, 1999

The Honorable Bill Archer
United States Representative
1236 Longworth House Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-4307

Dear Chairman Archer:

We need the immediate advice and assistance of the Houston Congressional Delegation to help the chamber secure L-2 Visas for Liu Guo Ming, an executive of Shanghai Airlines Tours, and his four year old son, Liu Chang. Shanghai Airlines opened its first United States office in Houston last fall and it is managed by Mr. Liu Guo Ming's wife, "Angela" Hu Yan. The airline will close the Houston office this summer if Ms. Hu Yan's family is unable to join her.

Shanghai Airlines Tours arranged three trade missions (May, June and July) to Beijing, Shanghai and Suzhou, China for the City of Houston and our chamber. The trips are targeted at small and medium-sized Houston businesses to explore opportunities to do business in and/or with China. The City and several regional chambers including the Greater Houston Partnership are currently working on plans to open a joint trade office in Shanghai to focus on future trade opportunities for Houston businesses. We are also planning to create regular trade mission opportunities for all the chambers.

However, all of these tremendous economic development opportunities for the City and Houston-area businesses are at risk if Mr. Liu and his son are unable to get the L-2 Visas from our Consulate in Shanghai this summer.

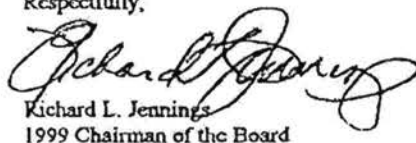
We have written to our Consul General, Raymond Burghardt, in Shanghai asking his personal intervention in this matter. Unfortunately, the staff in the visa office there responded generically to our letter and provided no information why the visas were denied most recently on June 7. Mr. Liu Guo Ming currently holds visas for Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Poland, Thailand and Russia. He speaks fluent English and is quite frustrated with the continual denials of his visa requests without any reason being given. He has provided all requested documentation to the Consulate including copies of his wife's employment contract, IRS and Social Security information.

Chairman Archer, you can help us by inquiring with the State Department as to why the L-2 Visas are being denied and determining what needs to be done to secure them. We are told that the private passport numbers and dates of birth will be needed for any inquiry. They are:

Liu Guo Ming, DOB [REDACTED] (b)(6) #143977001
Liu Chang, DOB [REDACTED] #146595214

I will be in Washington, D. C. next week and will contact your office about this matter. Thank you for your prompt assistance.

Respectfully,


Richard L. Jennings
1999 Chairman of the Board

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TO: THE HONORABLE BILL ARCHER
ATTN: CAMILLE CROMWELL
10000 MEMORIAL DRIVE, SUITE 620
HOUSTON, TX 77024-3400

DEAR CONGRESSMAN ARCHER:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INQUIRY ON BEHALF OF MR. GUOMING LIU AND
CHANG LIU, OF INTEREST TO MR. RICHARD JENNINGS.ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION IN OUR FILES, MR. GUOMING LIU AND
CHANG LIU WERE REFUSED L-2 NONIMMIGRANT VISA'S BECAUSE THEY HADNOT PRESENTED ALL INFORMATION REQUIRED TO CONSIDER THEIR L-2
VISA APPLICATIONS. THE APPLICANTS WERE LAST REQUESTED BY A
CONSULAR OFFICER ON JUNE 7, 1999, TO BRING TO THE NEXT INTERVIEW
MS. HU YAN'S ORIGINAL I-797; A COPY OF MS. HU YAN'S FORM I-129
CERTIFIED ON EVERY PAGE BY THE ATTORNEY WHO PREPARED THE FORM;
CORPORATE 1997 AND 1998 TAX RETURNS; CORPORATE CONTRACTS AND
BUSINESS DOCUMENTS TO INDICATE VALIDITY OF THE COMPANY; AND MS.
HU YAN'S PAY STUBS AND PERSONAL TAX RETURNS. WHEN MR. GUOMING
LIU HAS ALL OF THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS, HE SHOULD CALL 86-21-8471-
1451 OR 8471-1429 TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT FOR THE INTERVIEW.
THE APPLICANT MUST STATE AT THE TIME OF THE CALL THE PASSPORT
NUMBER AND DATE OF BIRTH, AND INFORM THE APPOINTMENT CLERK
WHETHER HE OR SHE HAS PREVIOUSLY APPLIED FOR A VISA. VISA
INTERVIEWS ARE HELD MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, EXCEPT FOR AMERICAN
OR CHINESE HOLIDAYS.IF I CAN BE OF ANY FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO YOU, ON THIS OR ANY
OTHER CONSULAR MATTER, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL ON ME.

SINCERELY,

ANNE HALL, ACTING CONSUL GENERAL
U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL, SHANGHAI, CHINA

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The Voice for Business

May 26, 1999

The Honorable Raymond Burgahardt
United States Consul General of Shanghai

BY FACSIMILE (011-86-21-64334122):

I understand that the United States visas for the husband and minor son of Yan Hu were recently denied by staff in our Consulate in Shanghai. I am writing to ask for your personal intervention into this matter. Ms. Hu has been working in Houston as a representative for Shanghai International Tours and has done an outstanding job in developing better US-China relations and stimulating trade between our countries.

The chamber initiated and co-sponsored with the City of Houston the first-ever International Business Expo in January, 1999. Former Secretary of State James Baker, III was our keynote luncheon speaker and representatives of more than forty countries including China were represented. The goal of this Expo was to introduce Houston-area businesses, especially small and mid-sized companies, to opportunities for developing international trade. The event was very successful and many new business relationships were established.

One very successful example was with Shanghai International Tours represented by Ms. Yan Hu. Her company joined our chamber of commerce and she worked hard to develop interest for trade missions to China. Her enthusiasm and professionalism paid off and three trade missions were organized, the first in May and two more in June and July. In fact, I will be visiting Shanghai and Beijing starting on June 12, 1999 and I am looking forward to my first visit to China. My company, SBC Communications, has an office in Beijing. We are awaiting the development of telecommunications opportunities in China and I intend to introduce myself to the staff there to offer my help.

I respectfully request your assistance in granting visas to the husband and minor son of Yan Hu so they can join her in Houston, Texas. I am convinced that this is in the best interest of both our countries as we work to improve relations and strengthen our business, cultural and economic ties. Houston has a very large population of Chinese-Americans and I have introduced Ms. Hu to some of their leaders. They seem to be quite impressed with her and would like her family to join her so she can continue her work in Houston.

Richard L. Jennings
1999 Chairman of the Board

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L-2 Visas

For

Liu Guo Ming and Liu Chang

Liu Guo Ming

DOB: (b)(6)

Private Passport Number: 143977001

Liu Chang

DOB: [REDACTED]

Private Passport Number: 146595214

Facts:

Mr. Liu Guo Ming last applied for L-2 Visas for him and his minor son from the U. S. Consulate in Shanghai, China on June 7, 1999. They wish to join his wife, "Angela" Hu Yan, an executive with Shanghai Airlines Tours and who set up and manages their Houston office. Ms. Hu Yan has been in Houston since the fall, 1998. She greatly misses her family especially her four year old son. He indicated that Shanghai Airlines Tours will close their Houston office this fall unless he and his minor son are able to join his wife.

Mr. Liu Guo Ming is an executive with Shanghai Airlines Tours in Shanghai, China and holds visas with Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Poland, Thailand and Russia. He has applied five times for a visa to the United States, twice for a B-1 Visa and three times for an L-2 Visa. He has repeatedly provided the documentation demanded by the Consulate Visa Office in Shanghai. The Consular Officer asked to see copies of the employment contract his wife has with her employer, social security documents related to her income in the United States, and checking and savings account information. Several times, he has provided additional documents at the consular officer's request only to be told no by that officer who didn't even look at the documents he brought to the appointment. He has never been given a reason for the denial of the visa. Since Mr. Liu Guo Ming has to pay 400 Yuan each time he applies for our visa, he feels that he has wasted his money applying and is extremely discouraged.

Action Needed:

If the U. S. Consulate in Shanghai is willing to grant Mr. Liu Guo Ming another interview and/or grant the L-2 Visa for him and his son, it should fax the required information to his home fax in Shanghai at 6241-0899. His home telephone number is 6274-8112 and his home E-mail is sccts@guomai.sh.cn. If an American citizen sponsor is needed, the Chairman of the Houston West Chamber of Commerce, Richard L. Jennings (SSN [REDACTED]) is willing to sponsor Mr. Liu Guo Ming and his son. He is willing to accept a time limitation on their stay in the United States if needed.

If L-2 visas are granted so he and his son can join his wife, Mr. Liu Guo Ming has indicated that Shanghai Airlines Tours will expand its Houston office and hire up to 10 employees.

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FROM U.S. CONSULATE SHANGHAI

TO 0017134679338

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American Consulate General

1469 Huai Hai Zhong Lu

Shanghai, 200031

China

Date: June 2, 1999**To:** Mr. Richard L. Jennings**From:** Nonimmigrant Visa Unit**Fax:** ~~713-467-9338~~**Fax:** (86-21) 6471-1148

713-567-4401

Dear Mr. Jennings,

Thank you for your inquiry of May 28, 1999. Unfortunately, without the applicant's full name as it appears in his or her passport and date of birth or passport number, we cannot conduct a computer and paper file search in order to locate a record of the application. We therefore recommend that you provide a copy of your correspondence directly to the visa applicant, who can then present it to the interviewing consular officer at the time of application. Please do not send any information directly to the consulate on their behalf.

Should Ms. Yan Hu's family wish to apply for a visa, they may schedule a new visa interview by calling (86)(21) 6471-1451 or 6471-1429, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., except for American or Chinese holidays. If you have any materials that you would like to be considered during a future interview, please provide it directly to the family, who can then present it to the interviewing consular officer at the time of application. Please do not send any information directly to the consulate on their behalf.

For further information on visa requirements, please check the Beijing Embassy webpage at: www.usembassy-china.org.cn for more details.

PHIL GRAMM
TEXAS

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510-4302

June 30, 1999

Mr. Richard Jennings
Houston West Chamber of Commerce
10777 Westheimer, Suite 916
Houston, Texas 77042

Dear Mr. Jennings:

In response to your recent request for my assistance, I have contacted the Department of State. I will write you again as soon as I receive a reply.

I appreciate having the opportunity to represent you in the United States Senate and to be of service in this matter.

Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Gramm", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

PHIL GRAMM
United States Senator

PG/dcs

SHEILA JACKSON LEE
18TH DISTRICT, TEXAS

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July 19, 1999

The Honorable Raymond Burghardt
United States Consular Section
1469 Huai Hai Ahong Lu
Shanghai 200031
China

Dear Sir,

Greetings. I am contacting you on behalf of Mr. Liu Guo Ming and his four-year old son, Liu Chang, Chinese citizens who are attempting to enter the United States. Mr. Ming has been invited to the city of Houston for an international trade mission hosted by the Houston West Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Ming is an executive of Shanghai Airlines in China. Last fall the airline opened its first office in Houston, Texas. Currently this office is operated by Mr. Ming's wife, Angela Hu Yan. Understandably, Ms. Yan is eager to be reunited with her family.

Mr. Ming currently holds visas with respect to the following countries: Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Poland, Thailand, and Russia. He has provided your office with all documentation required of visa applicants, including his wife's employment contract, IRS-related documentation, and social security information.

Moreover, if necessary, the Chairman of the Houston West Chamber of Commerce is willing to sponsor Mr. Ming and his son's visit to the U.S. Mr. Ming is also willing to accept a time limitation on their stay in the United States if needed.

It is my hope that you take these factors into consideration in evaluating Mr. Ming's case. Should you wish to contact my office regarding this matter, please call Marie Dixon at (713) 655-0050; fax (713) 655-1612; e-mail marie.dixon@mail.house.gov.

I thank you for your efforts with regard to this matter.

Sincerely,



Sheila Jackson Lee
Member of Congress

cc: Mr. Richard L. Jennings
SJL/md



KEVIN BRADY
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
8TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C.
June 25, 1999

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Mr. Richard Jennings
10777 Westheimer
Houston, Texas 77042

Dear Mr. Jennings:

I appreciate your taking the time to contact me regarding your current concerns.

There is a long standing tradition in the House of Representatives that each Member of Congress be afforded the privilege of serving their own constituency. Since you reside in the 7th Congressional District, represented by the Honorable Bill Archer, I have forwarded your letter to his. I am certain you will be hearing from Representative Archer's office soon.

Sincerely,


Kevin Brady

KB/sd

enclosure

cc: The Honorable Bill Archer

Dear Mrs. Yan,

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your recent communication with my district office concerning your husband and son. I wanted to let you know that I have taken a special interest in this matter.

Please be assured that I have been in contact with the U.S. Consulate, Shanghai, China and requested that very careful consideration be given concerning your case. I should be receiving a report in the near future and you will be contacted with up-dated information.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact J.J. Slater of my staff at 713-667-3554 or 6575 west loop south, suite 496, Bellaire, Texas, 77401.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Kenneth E. Bentsen, Jr.
Member of Congress

BILL ARCHER
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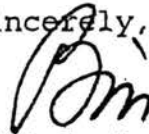
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Mr. Richard Jennings
10777 Westheimer #916
Houston, TX 77042

Dear Richard:

Enclosed is a copy of the reply that I received from the U.S. Consulate General of Shanghai, China in response to my inquiries on your behalf. Thank you for allowing me to obtain this information and provide it to you. I hope it will be of some assistance.

Sincerely,



Bill Archer
Member of Congress

BA cc

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KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4304

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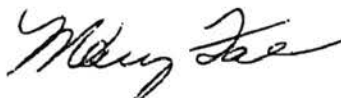
Richard L. Jennings
10777 Westheimer, Ste. 916
Houston, TX 77042

Dear Mr. Jennings:

Your communication which was addressed to Senator Hutchison has been received in this office. A member of our staff is presently reviewing it and will take appropriate action on your behalf. We appreciate the confidence you have expressed in the Senator by contacting our office. We want to assure you that every possible effort will be made to assist you, if at all possible.

You should expect a minimum of 30 days for the agency to respond to our inquiry. If you have not heard from our office after 30 days do not hesitate to call for a status.

Sincerely,



Mary Fae Kamm
Director of Constituent Services

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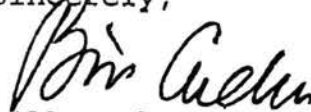
Dear Richard:

Thank you for your June 24th facsimile letter regarding concerns with the U.S. Consulate of Shanghai.

I am contacting the U.S. Consulate to express my interest on your behalf. When I have received any information from this agency, I will be in touch with you again. Please be aware that normal response time is approximately 4-6 weeks.

I appreciate your bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,



Bill Archer
Member of Congress

BA:cc