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**Cable from Wang Bingnan, 'Request for Instructions on the American Invitation to Ambassador Wang to Have a Meal on Monday'**

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**Summary:**

US Representative Johnson invited Wang to a private dinner at Johnson's residence, stating that both would bring only interpreters and should not leak the information to reporters. Wang asked for instruction from the Chinese Foreign Ministry.

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[To the] Foreign Ministry:

At the 8th Meeting, the other side seems to understand:

- 1) We could make no more concession regarding the agreement;
- 2) [We'll] release the US nationals after an agreement is reached;

3) It is impossible for us to release all of the American nationals. The other party's attitude was more flexible at the ninth meeting today. He wanted to confirm some issues, such as a specific period of time required to review the remaining cases of American nationals. After the meeting, the US representative invited me for a meal at his villa on the outskirts [of Geneva] so that we could exchange ideas more freely. To avoid journalist inquiries, only one interpreter from each side will be in [our] company. I told him that I would respond formally tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. (on the 21st). It seems that the other side has many difficulties and wants to socialize with me. How should I respond? Please give instructions immediately.

I will send a separate report on the eighth meeting.

Wang Bingnan

12:00 noon, 20 August [1955]