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**The Response of the People's Republic of China's
Government to the United States Government,
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Summary:

The Chinese government indicates that it wishes for "higher-level" talks with the United States.

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According to the Chinese and American agreement at Geneva last year, our respective consular-level representatives held talks [with one another]. In the past year, we have notified you of the situation of US nationals in China in detail and in a timely fashion. But we have not been rightly and appropriately notified of the situation of Chinese nationals, especially regarding the students, in the United States. Because of this, we are extremely unsatisfied with the result of the talks held at Geneva this past year.

We believe that the suggestion stated in your letter is useful. That is, China and the US should talk at a higher-level in order to aid the return of [Chinese and American] nationals to their respective countries. This will also contribute to the discussion and settlement of other practical matters at issue between our two sides. We will appoint an ambassadorial level representative to meet with your representative of identical rank in Geneva. We propose 21 July as the date for the first meeting. We are willing to have your opinion [on this matter].

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