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Ambassador Yang Jiechi
Embassy of the People's Republic of China
2300 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Ambassador Yang:

We are writing as faculty of Harvard University to express our concerns about the detention in China of Dr. Jian-Li Yang, who recently received a Ph.D. from our university. Dr. Yang was detained in Kunming on April 26 as he was concluding a ten-day visit to China. He has remained in custody since that time.

Dr. Yang is an accomplished scholar and a long-time United States resident. He lives in Brookline, Massachusetts with his wife and two children, who are United States citizens. In addition to his wife and children, Dr. Yang's elderly parents and two sisters live here in the United States. Dr. Yang received a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University and a Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of California at Berkeley and has undertaken important work in both fields. He is involved in ongoing research projects at Harvard, which focused on formal models of voting systems.

As you know, Harvard University has enjoyed deep and long-standing ties with the People's Republic of China. Many of your citizens are graduates of Harvard. In addition, Harvard has numerous ongoing programs and exchanges with Chinese universities and your government. These relationships were strengthened with a recent visit of the President of our University, Lawrence Summers, and an extensive delegation, to China a few months back.

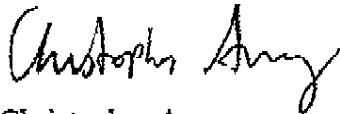
It is in this spirit of cooperation that we ask your government, as a humanitarian gesture, to do everything in its power to facilitate Dr. Yang's immediate release so he can return home to his family in the U.S. We want to make sure Dr. Yang's detention does not interfere with our strong partnership that we hope will continue to flourish in the years to come.

Respectfully,

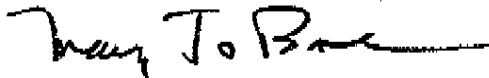
The undersigned are representative of the widespread support and concern at Harvard University for Dr. Yang. They are members of the Committee awarding Dr. Yang his Ph.D. Unless otherwise indicated, they are Kennedy School of Government faculty members.



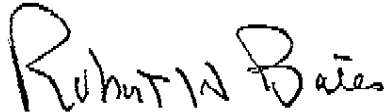
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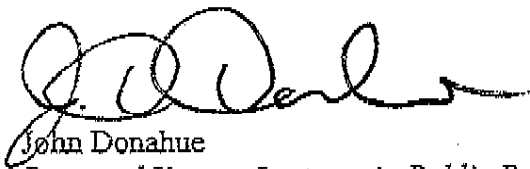
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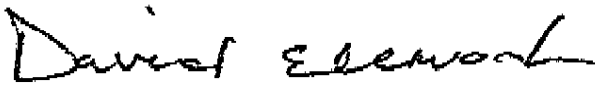
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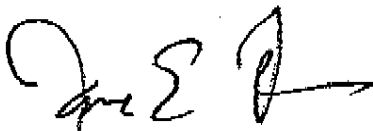
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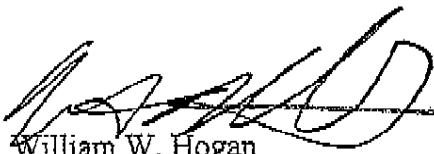


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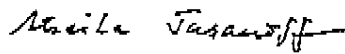
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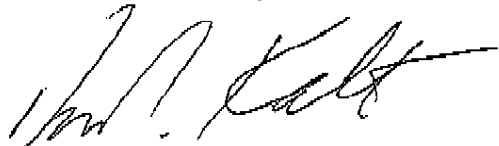
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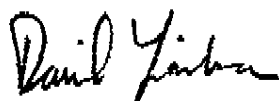
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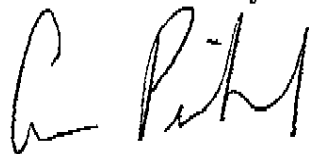
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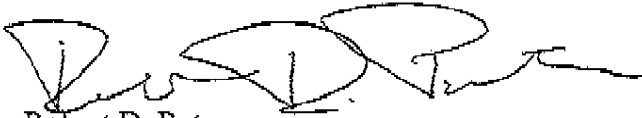
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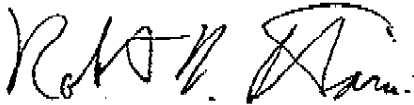
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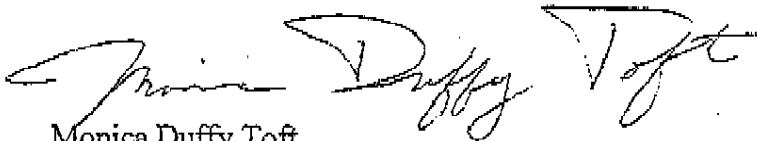
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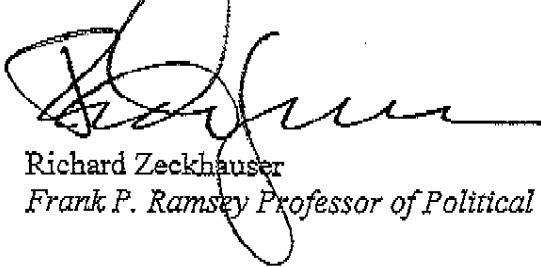
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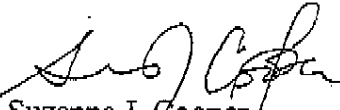


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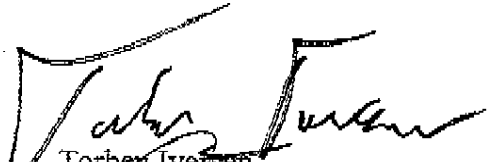
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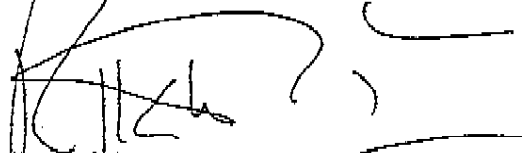
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