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Lorne W. Craner,
Asst. Secretary of State,
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U. S. Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary,

May I draw your attention to the plight of a dear friend of mine presently in detention in the People's Republic of China. Dr. Yang Jianli has not been heard from since his arrest in April of this year. Senators and Congressmen, and the faculty at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government have petitioned President Jiang Zemin for his release, thus far to no avail.

With the China Human Rights Dialogue resuming this month in Beijing, I'm sure all Jianli's friends wish you great progress and we hope that he might be the subject of your personal intervention—if only briefly. His wife Christina Fu, and their children, American citizens, living in nearby Brookline, will be the first to thank you. You may already know that this distinguished scholar and human rights advocate has been dedicated to a democratic China, and, armed only with persuasion, has sought peaceful change.

We who know and love him urge you to make whatever effort is possible while in Beijing to bring some relief to him and his family.

Hoping to hear from you,
Sincerely,



Thomas M. Ferrick