

three days; Vancouver one week. If possible extension may be required for business purposes to maximum two months.

4. Reply urgently required to enable trip be made in time available and to facilitate necessary travel arrangements. Inability to comply in time might jeopardize substantial Canadian export and opportunity for Canadians to visit China in 1961.<sup>55</sup>

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*Le délégué commercial à Hong Kong  
au chef, Région de l'Asie et du Moyen-Orient, I.T.R.B.*

*Trade Commissioner, Hong Kong,  
to Chief, Asia and Middle East Area, I.T.R.B.*

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Hong Kong, December 20, 1960

VISIT TO CANADA BY CHINA RESOURCES OFFICIALS

There is little I can add to my cable on the above subject, a copy of which is attached for confirmation purposes. However, I would like to emphasize that in my discussions with Mr. Liu I was impressed by his evident interest in purchasing from Canada on this trip. He has just returned from Peking and stated that he had been given authority to make substantial purchases in Canada if the commodities desired were available at reasonable prices. I could not pin Mr. Liu down on the specific items he wished to buy but he said that he was particularly interested in metals. He declined to specify which metals, although I suspect copper and steel are high on his list. He was definite in saying he wished to spend some time with Atlas Steel in Welland and that he was interested in synthetic fibres. When I asked if wheat was on his shopping list he commented, "Wheat is always a possibility" but could not be drawn further on the subject beyond saying he wished to stay in Winnipeg for two or three days. The latter fact, however, is significant in itself and I believe there is a distinct possibility of wheat sales materializing.

2. Mr. Liu's purpose in going to Canada is, of course, two-fold as he also wishes to promote the sales of Chinese merchandise. In particular, he intends to look into prospects for the sale of art objects and handicrafts and said that, if the outlook is good, specialists in this line would follow him to Canada in the near future. These would be representatives of Teck Soon Hong which represents the China National Native Produce Export Corporation in Hong Kong.

3. I apologize for the urgency of the cable in requesting such speedy action on Messrs. Liu and Yang's visas. However, Liu has other commitments after the end of January and wished to leave here during the Christmas holiday season. I pointed out to him that the period between Christmas and New Year's was one in which little could be accomplished but he was most insistent that if he could not depart at that time he would not be able to make the trip at all. As

<sup>55</sup> Notes marginales :/Marginal notes:

Telephone conversation of Dec. 21/60 Stewart (Immigration) and Laidman (EA) decided that Immigration would wire authority to issue visas [document déchiré/document torn] office in Hong Kong. Mr. Crowe, Econ 1 Division [document déchiré/document torn], T&C, informed [document déchiré/document torn]. E.R. Rettie] 21/12/60 [Document déchiré/document torn] not adverse report. Visas are being authorized direct to H[ong] K[ong] by Imm. Mr. Lepitre called. 22/12/60.

Visits Panel 10 a.m. Dec. 23. [E.R. Rettie]

Mr. Gualtieri telephoned 12.00 Dec. 23 to say that it was decided that security risk should be taken & 2 officials allowed to come forward. Imm. will want Hong K[ong] [document déchiré/document torn]. [E.R. Rettie]