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Dear Fellow Member,

This is an inquiry as to the interest of Active members of The Society of Woman Geographers in participating in a visit to the People's Republic of China, in the event that an invitation for such a trip can be arranged. It must be stated immediately that we have no way of knowing at the present time what our prospects are. If an invitation from the PRC should be received, the group will have to be small, probably limited (by the Chinese) to 15 to 20 persons.

Since the fall of 1973, efforts have been made from Headquarters and by New York members to determine the proper approach for securing an invitation. Contacts have been made, letters have been sent, and various leads have been pursued. To date no response has been received from the Chinese, but we are urged from several directions not to be discouraged. Apparently it takes time.

Therefore, with our 50th Anniversary successfully behind us, it was decided to explore once again the possibilities. This time we have learned that a first step is to list those persons who would like to take the trip so that their names can be submitted to the Chinese for consideration. In addition, we need to compile a list of places which we would like to visit, since permission is essential for visiting each locale.

We have drawn up a list of tentative guidelines to help in the formulation of an acceptable trip plan.

1. We will limit our first effort to Active members only.
2. The trip will be proposed to last three weeks, in the fall, spring, or summer.
3. We will plan in terms of 20 persons, although the list will include more than that number due to various circumstances which might necessitate cancellations at the last minute.
4. The group will reflect the broad spectrum of interests in SWG membership.
5. Members most likely to be acceptable to the Chinese will be those whose work relates to Chinese interests, rather than but not necessarily exclusive of a member's own personal, scientific, or cultural interests.

6. An attempt will be made to establish contact with Chinese women professionals in the fields represented by the SWG group, but we will not restrict our interest to women alone.
7. The group may include members who have helped interpret Chinese history, art, and culture to the world, but it will not be limited to such persons.
8. Persons interested in being considered for the trip must be in good health, and willing and prepared to endure less than optimum accommodations and travel conditions within the PRC.
9. No estimate of cost can be given at the present, because of the uncertainty of a final date. It will probably cost between \$2,500 and \$3,000.
10. Members who are SERIOUSLY interested in being considered for participation in the group are asked to fill in the enclosed questionnaire and return it to SWG Headquarters by June 25, 1976. In the probable event that more members will respond than the Chinese will consider in one group, we will have to make a selection based on the above guidelines. Every effort will be made to be as objective as possible. We welcome suggestions and assistance in such a difficult task.

STATEMENT OF INTEREST IN THE SOCIETY OF WOMAN GEOGRAPHERS CHINA TRIP

(To be returned to Headquarters by those interested in being included in an SWG Group Visit to the People's Republic of China, if a trip can be arranged.)

NAME: (Last, first, middle, Mrs. Miss, Ms.) If married, give husband's name also.
If you have a PhD, in what field?

PERMANENT ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____(home) _____(business)

PROFESSION OR VOCATION: (Writer, lecturer, geographer, anthropologist, artist, etc.)

PROFESSIONAL POSITION IF EMPLOYED:

GEOGRAPHICAL FIELDS OF INTEREST (area and topical):

SPECIAL EMPHASIS WITHIN GEOGRAPHICAL FIELDS:

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

HOW DO YOU RELATE YOUR INTERESTS TO CHINA? (How would they justify your participation in the trip? Be specific and succinct.)

PUBLICATIONS: (List books and articles, indicating those you consider to be most important. Precede by an asterisk those you believe to be of interest to potential Chinese colleagues and available for presentation.)

WORK IN PERMANENT FORM OTHER THAN PUBLICATIONS: (Painting, sculpture, photography, films, etc.)

RECENT OR CURRENT CONTACTS IN THE PRC:

INDICATE PREFERENCE/RECOMMENDATION AS TO MONTH OF VISIT MOST FEASIBLE. PLEASE RANK FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD:

Sept. 1976	_____	June 1977	_____	Other?	_____
Oct. 1976	_____	July 1977	_____		_____
April 1977	_____	Aug. 1977	_____		
May 1977	_____	Sept. 1977	_____		

CITIES PREFERRED/RECOMMENDED FOR VISITS: (Suggest other places also.)

SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS: (All suggestions and comments in regard to the proposed trip will be welcome. Give names of persons known to you who might be helpful in promoting our chances at an invitation. Words of caution about attitudes, travel arrangements and warnings, do's and don'ts, etc.)