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General Fu Quanyou
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Dear General Fu:

Thank you for meeting with me last week. Meetings such as this are important to nurturing and maintaining the broad range of contacts and communications between our two militaries.

Our meeting solidified our military to military relations and was an important step in promoting dialogue and increasing our mutual understanding. Our two nations share a sense of responsibility to work together to achieve a safer and more peaceful world in the 21st century.

I am delighted to have met with you again and I sincerely hope you will be able to accept General Shelton's invitation for to visit again this fall to attend the Chiefs of Defense Conference in Hawaii.

Please accept my warm congratulations along with the best wishes of the members of the Armed Forces of the United States as the People's Liberation Army celebrates its birthday on August 1st.

Again, thank you for your contributions to my very successful visit to China.

Sincerely,