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Dear Doctors Varmus and Bishop:

The American Embassy in Beijing has requested our office to recruit you gentlemen for a TelePress Conference relating to your work for which you were awarded the Nobel prize. I would like to add our congratulations as well.

I am sending you a copy of the telegram for your information. Many feel it is time to begin resuming normal relations with Beijing after the past few months of rather strained relations. Perhaps this medical program is a good start.

The cable mentions early November at 00:00 GMT. That means 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. San Francisco time. This is a telephone interview. We call China, call you and bridge the lines for the question and answer session. Each of you will receive a one-hundred dollar honorarium from the U.S. Information Agency as a small token of our thanks.

We know you must be swarmed with requests for interviews. Nevertheless we feel you might be interested in this particular exchange. I look forward to hearing from you with the most convenient time for you both. I am at (202) 485-2769.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

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