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October 14, 1971

H.E. Mr. George Bush
Permanent Representative to the UN
U.S. Mission to the United Nations
799 UN Plaza
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The Conference of UN Representatives associated with the United Nations Association has asked me to express our concern over the way in which opponents of the President's China policy are using the controversy surrounding the UN membership of the Republic of China to destroy public support for U.S. participation in the UN.

Last fall the Lodge Commission found extensive grassroots commitment to full U.S. participation in the UN in all sections of the country. Polls taken at that time showed that the large majority of Americans want the U.S. to act to strengthen the UN.

Observing your hard work and sharing your belief that public understanding and support are vital to the UN's survival we are convinced that you will want to make your position clear by a strong statement, emphasizing the determination of this Administration to continue to pursue its policy of international partnership through the United Nations as well as bilaterally. We believe such a statement would command the support of a large segment of the American public.

In the face of an apparently well-organized and well-financed effort to make the China issue a rallying point for anti UN forces in the U.S., we feel the Administration's point of view should be expressed forcefully.

The large pro-UN constituency throughout the United States needs a rallying point, too, which you can provide.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mildred Persinger, Chairman
Conference of UN Representatives

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