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October 15, 1998

The Honorable James Sasser
American Ambassador
U.S. Embassy in Beijing
PSC 461, Box 50
FPO AP 96521-0002

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

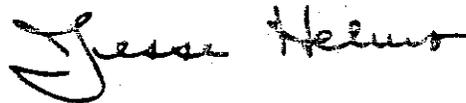
I am writing to you regarding the return of the remains of two American pilots, Mr. Norman A. Schwartz and Mr. Robert C. Snoddy, who were shot down over Manchuria on November 29, 1952.

This case was brought to my attention by Mr. Erik Kirzinger, one of my constituents and a nephew of Mr. Schwartz. Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Snoddy volunteered to fly airplanes for the United States as civilians during the Korean War.

It is believed that Messrs. Schwartz and Snoddy died in the crash. I have heard of your amiable relationship with the Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs Tang Jiaxuan. I will appreciate any assistance you can provide locating and returning any remains or effects of these two Americans to their families.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Kindest regards.

Sincerely,



JESSE HELMS

cc: Erik Kirzinger