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1. CHINA: Stuart instructed to reject Communist demand--The Department of State has instructed Ambassador Stuart in Nanking to point out to the Communist authorities the unprecedented nature of their request that departing Embassy personnel obtain "shop guarantees" prior to receiving exit permits and to inform the Communist officials that under instructions of the US Government the Embassy cannot under any circumstances accede. The Department believes that a dangerous precedent would be set if such guarantees were provided, and informs the Ambassador that the matter is considered to be of sufficient importance to warrant postponing his departure until the requirements are waived for official US personnel.

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