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CHINA-US: Geng Biao's Visit

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Geng's mission also will explore the limits of US willingness to approve transfer of sophisticated military equipment to China as well as identify broader areas of military cooperation, including exchanges of information and delegations. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Chinese interest has ranged from simple items of individual equipment to the most advanced US military aircraft. We expect China's position on arms procurement from the US to be realistic and cautious as a result of US efforts. The Chinese are becoming increasingly aware of US policy on this matter, and in any case probably are not in a position to finance costly purchases or to absorb large quantities of US-made military hardware. [REDACTED]