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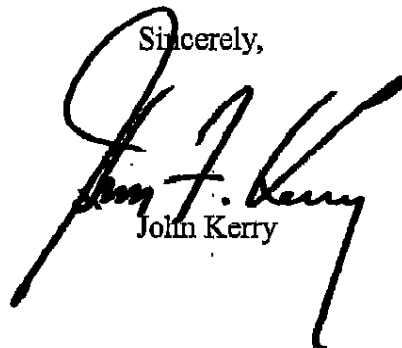
Dear Ambassador Yang:

I am writing to you today to bring to your attention the case of Jude Shao, an American citizen born in Shanghai, now imprisoned in Qing Pu prison after being convicted of tax evasion and falsely issuing VAT invoices. He is serving a 16 year sentence.

A classmate of Jude Shao has contacted my office with details of evidence suggesting Mr. Shao was wrongly convicted and that the Chinese judicial system was not being receptive to any review or appeal process. Given the serious nature of the charges against Mr. Shao, and the severity of the punishment, I ask that you bring this matter to your government's attention for a thorough and prompt review of the case and any evidence that may have been discovered after Mr. Shao's conviction. If the evidence demonstrates that Jude Shao is innocent, then I know we agree that he should be released immediately.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



John Kerry