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FOR MR J LYNCH FM C O'RIORDAN

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cc'd to Mr. Wilson of Dublin Zoo.
Left copy in main Hall of Deagh House to be collected.
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MR PETER WILSON DIRECTOR DUBLIN ZOO PHONED EMBASSY RECENTLY TO ASK US TO APPROACH CHINESE MIN/FORESTRY TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF CHINESE SENDING A PANDA TO DUBLIN FOR A SHORT STAY.

GRATEFUL IF YOU WLD PHONE MR WILSON (771425) AND RELAY FOLLOWING:

CALLED ON MINISTRY TODAY

THEY ARE DISPOSED TO CONSIDER FAVOURABLY THE REQUEST.

TWO PANDAS WLD GO NOT ONE. DURATION OF STAY 3/: MONTHS

COSTS INVOLVED:

ALL TRANSPORTATION CHARGES
RETURN AIRFARES AND LIVING EXPENSES FOR VET, CURATOR AND INTERPRETER (3 PERSONS)

RETURN AIRFARES FOR 5 ADDITIONAL OFFICIALS TO ATTEND OPENING CEREMONY

RETURN AIRFARES FOR 3/4 ADDITIONAL OFFICIALS TO ATTEND CLOSING CEREMONY

INSURANCE COVER OF USD 500,000. PEOPLES INS. CO RATE 10,000 USD
DONATION TO PANDA CONSERVATION FUND USD 150,000.

IF DUB ZOO INTERESTED AND ABLE TO COVER COSTS OFFICIALS OPTIMISTIC VISIT CLD GO AHEAD THIS YEAR. IT WLD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR PANDA TO GO TO MORE THAN ONE COUNTRY THIS YEAR.

WE ARE FIRST TO MAKE DIRECT APPROACH.

MIN OF FORESTRY ASK ZOO TO GIVE THEIR RESPONSE EARLY NEXT WEEK IF THEY ARE YTILL INTERESTED. DESCRIPTION/DETAILS OF ZOO ALSO REQUESTED AND SOME INDICATION OF HOW WE WLD PROVIDE FOR PANDA DIET OF FRESH BAMBOO.

OFFICIALS SPOKEN TO MR LI MING GUANG VICE ADMINISTRATOR CHINA WILDLIFE
CONSERVATION ASSOC. AND MR. CHEN HUIYUAN OFFICIAL OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUREAU OF MIN/FORESTRY.