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RE: MUR 7614

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Thank for your letter dated on May 30, 2019, and for giving me the opportunity to "demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against you in this matter (Re: MUR 7614)".

While I have been an active fundraiser for Trump campaign funds, I strongly deny the allegations that I have arranged for or encouraged foreign nationals to directly or indirectly make contributions to President Trump or other U.S. political candidates through straw donors. The allegations of the Complaint with respect to my fundraising activities are false.

Until my recent political involvement in support of President Trump, I was not an active political fund raiser. Although I did participate in political events in past, I was not a partisan, political person during most of my time in the United States since 1993 when I was admitted into the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University. I only made one political contribution once when I attended a fund raiser by Laura Bush at the Rainbow Room of the Rockefeller Center when she was working on the reelection of George W. Bush. I liked President Clinton very much and was very angry when Republican controlled House voted to impeach him for his private sex action. I voted for President Obama twice.

My political direction changed in connection with the 2016 election. I did not get myself involved until then candidate and later President Trump was officially nominated as the Republican candidate for the President of the United States during the Republican National Convention in Cleveland in July. I was watching his speech in my basement through a Yahoo web broadcast and his messages on political correctness and law and order resonated so well with me that I decided to jump into the campaign.

I first started a WeChat group called People for President Trump, then I started to add more Chinese Americans into my circle of friends and invited them to join my WeChat group for Trump. As I built my base of Trump supporters, I got some early name recognition. Around late August and early September, One of the Pro Trump friends in New York approached me to do something for Trump, then I was invited by another friend of mine to join as a volunteer for Trump, working at the call center at the Trump Tower in Manhattan. I even drove to join a rally for Trump in Philadelphia on October 15. Our real big act was to host our own big rally in front of

the Trump Tower on October 29, 2016, what was joined by hundreds of Chinese Americans in Greater New York area and organized another Rally with multi ethnic groups on November 5. We even displayed our banners with pro Trump messages on the Brooklyn Bridge and attended other rallies in Pennsylvania.

With all these events and other pro Trump efforts, I was appointed as a co-chair for Asian Outreach for the State of New York, Trump Pence 2016 by Jimmy Chue, who was officially on the Trump campaign team as the Asian Liaison for the State of New York and later expanded to cover a few other states.

As a result, I was also able to join Jimmy and a few other Chinese guests to Trump Pence Victory Celebration on November 8-9 at Hilton in Midtown Manhattan.

After the election, I also submitted my resume and what I did for the campaign to the Republican Party and I remember I was designated as a representative for my Congressional District for a national survey by the then Chairman of the Republican National Committee Reince Priebus and was also invited to join the Presidential Inauguration on January 21, 2017 in Washington DC.

It was with such a background that I received the invitation from the new RNC Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel to join the December 2, 2017 breakfast meeting with President Trump (see **Exhibit 1**) in October 2016.

I sat on the invitation for a while since I personally did not know what I could do. I did not act until I was reminded by then finance chairman Steven Wynn about the event and then told them I would do something for the Party and President. I was then assigned staff to take in the information I was required to submit. I did make almost two month long effort reaching out the friends who actually voted or supported President Trump. It was an easy sell but a big commitment to write a big check for most people. I also got phone calls or visits to my office in downtown Manhattan at the time. In the process, a few of them brought their business partners or friends to join us. All I did was to ask their information, including passports or driver licenses, business cards, etc., and submitted them before the deadline for a background check and luckily and all of my people were accepted for the event.

The event was a big success. 30 people had registered at my invitation and except one person, all attended the whole event and enjoyed it. Most people just wrote checks in amount of \$2,700 dollars (VIP tickets) or \$1,000 dollars (General Admission tickets). **They were all American citizens or permanent residents.** As I did raise a significant amount for this event, I was given a few photo opportunities and allowed to assign the opportunity to whomever wanted to go most strongly as well as some who were strategically more important to my business or business relationships. Therefore everyone was happy.

Around late March and early April, I was asked by RNC and see if I would join Trump Victory Finance Committee as volunteer fundraiser, I replied "yes" and that's how I signed myself

in. But since most fundraisers after December 2017 were not in New York City where I spent 26 years and had developed extensive relationships in business and professional communities, I had only very limited success in fundraising, I got one American citizen donor signed up for a Cleveland event, and another 4 American citizens or permanent Residents for a Dallas event (both events are mentioned in the complaint). My fundraising did not involve foreign nationals. In fact, I have no close relationships overseas. Indeed, I have not visited China in the past five years.

As RNC and Trump Victory team did more events, they had become stricter on the guests American contributors could bring and be allowed to take pictures with the President also. People who were not citizens or permanent residents were no longer allowed to take pictures with the President since later last year I believe.

Certain press reports have alleged that I have a close relationship with Cindy Yang who is prominently mentioned in the Complaint. I have had no business relationship with Cindy Yang. This was independently confirmed by Cindy Yang herself (see Daily Mail report as in **Exhibit 2**). Therefore labelling me as a Cindy Yang associate is totally wrong and without any basis. I did meet Cindy Yang when I was travelling to West Palm Beach and attended the Safari charity event at Mar a Lago last spring. That's the first time I saw her, talked to her (she was volunteering there I believe at the reception desk) and her friends there. We did take some pictures together since there was quite a group of Chinese Americans there at the function and we were all friendly to each other although I barely knew them and did not have contacts with them after the events.

Press reports that allege that I was or am a Communist Party promoter are false since 1) I have not been affiliated with a single Chinese Communist Party entity in the United States since I came to this great country in 1993; 2) while I did accept a mainland China TV interview on China's "One Belt One Road" initiative sometime in late 2016 that does not make me a Communist Party promoter. In the interview, I was positive on the initiative at that time and encouraged Americans to participate in it. I also advocated that any projects related to the initiative should be market driven. Therefore I was not promoting their initiative but only airing my independent comments and opinions as an independent business owner and entrepreneur; 3) sometime last year, I was asked by an old friend who is a Chinese Canadian to have a private business function at the Trump World with two Wall Street investment bankers promoting their business projects. I did not have any follow up business with them. It is absurd to use these activities as the basis for labeling me a Chinese Communist Party promoter.

In summary, I want to say yes, I did participate in a few fund-raisers mentioned in the Complaint for the Trump Victory as a volunteer in the past two years and I did so following all the rules and regulations of the Republican Party. I did contribute to the Trump Campaign regularly since and was all from my own after tax money. I did not provide any assistance for or solicit any foreign contributions to the Trump campaign and was not part of any promotions in all the exhibits included in the Complaint. As a private small business owner, I had to work hard to earn

the trust of my clients both in the United States and elsewhere in the world. I do not in any way wish to betray that trust.

As an American citizen who was born and raised in China, I do hope, however, US and China can find a way to cooperate, and if necessary to compete, still friendly and fairly. The current environment and my political involvement, even on a volunteer basis, has made my business extremely challenging--it was almost broke at some points. As a patriotic American, I still support America First policy of Trump Presidency and will continue to do so, however. I believe I am doing right. Other people may have different opinion but that's fine. We are living in a free and democratic society.

Thanks for your attention and let me know if I can be off any further assistance to you.

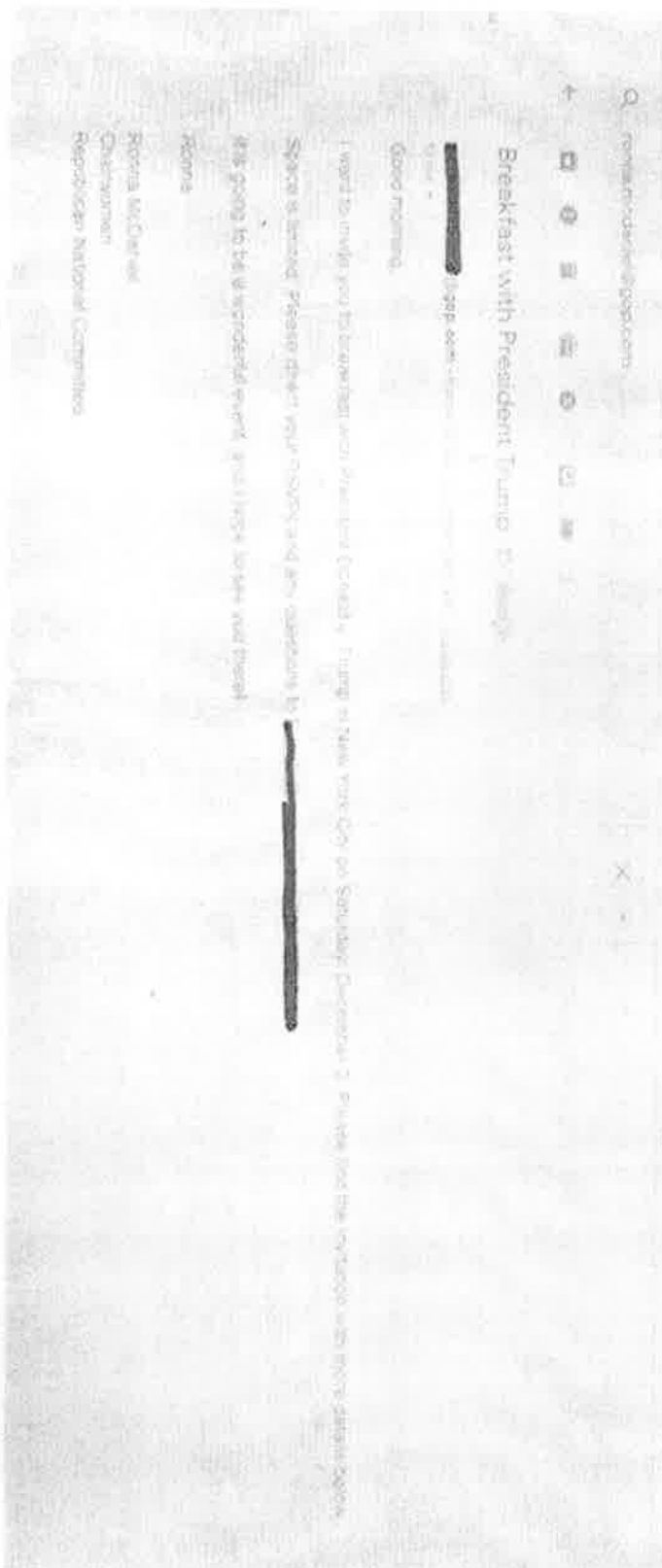
Sincerely,



Xinyue (Daniel) Lou

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Next pages: Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 2



Lou also said that he has no personal relationship with Yang, who he is photographed with at a table outside 'Safari Night' at Mar-a-Lago an event Yang promoted in China. Yang told the Herald the two have attended several events together but don't have a personal relationship.

'I have no business relationship with Cindy. That Safari event was the first time I saw her - met her - and also and met some of her friends. So that's it. I have no relationship with Cindy.'

'She was friendly to me and she was a volunteering, manning the table for that event,' he said. Lou said he said hello, 'talk[ed] to them a few minutes, to get to know people right, and have a picture together. Nothing wrong. I don't think anything wrong. And that event itself is a charity event,' he noted.

It is worth noting that the United States is probably the number one intelligence target.