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Letters

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To: msmeselson@gmail.com

Dear Matthew. I have made a copy of my Australian Ambassador's letter and will send it to you tomorrow. Attached is something I wrote on my French counterpart, and below is my favourite biographical report written by an Australian who at the time was my counterpart in Beijing. Begin quote:

Deputy Director Liu who sat across from me at the table seemed a pleasant peasant. I had no contact with the others except for Deputy Chief of Staff Wan who accompanied the tour from Lanzhou to Xi'an. He is in his mid-fifties and is an amiable peasant who has developed to a high degree the Chinese passion for eating, although still lagging behind his mantou-gobbling, noodle-slurping, elbow thrusting, piggish wife to whom he consistently kept the bowls coming. At no stage during the tour did she evince the slightest interest in any member of our tour, not even the children. Maybe she was just shy.

And the Ambassadors who cable I used to savour were Charlie Whitehouse and I think Ed Masters. But you are right. No one writes like that any more.

Cheers Denny

 **JACQUES**
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