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Dear Roy,

PCI/CPSU RELATIONS: THE CHINESE VIEW

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1. Michael Simpson-Orlebar's letter of 1 February to Alan Goodison (now copied also to Peking).
2. Corriere della Sera's Chinese correspondent, Scardocchia, reported on 2 March that the Chinese had just come out in favour of Berlinguer in the PCI/CPSU row. He attributed their delay in doing so to two factors:

- a) the PCI's judgement that the propulsive force of the October revolution had been exhausted seemed to apply not just to the USSR and Eastern Europe, but also indirectly to China;
- b) the PCI's analysis of events in Poland, and in particular their support for Solidarity, did not appeal to the Chinese, who regarded the trade union rights acquired by the workers in Poland as a dangerous example.

Scardocchia added that Berlinguer's interview in Unita on 21 February had reassured them by making clear that China was exempt from the PCI's condemnation of socialismo reale and should rather be regarded as one of the emerging countries where new and fruitful socialist experiments were in progress.

3. There can be no doubt that the Chinese support expressed in the "Remin Ribao" article will please the PCI. Since Berlinguer's visit to China in early 1980 the party have been seeking to improve their relations with the Chinese; in this

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period of difficult relations with Moscow, any evidence they can offer to the party base that the PCI does not stand alone in the world is of value to them, even if certain fundamental differences of analysis over Poland have to be overlooked in the process.

Yours ever,

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