

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

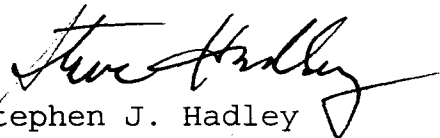
March 3, 2008

As a Cornell University alumnus and former member of the Cornell Glee Club and Chorus, I am pleased that the Glee Club has the opportunity to share its music with audiences in China. For over a century, Cornell University has been at the forefront of building relationships between the United States and China, and I hope that the Glee Club's music will help strengthen the bonds between our two countries.

In 1966 the Department of State proudly supported the Glee Club's three-month long tour of Asia. The Club's music was heard by an estimated 100 million people during ten stops, including Hong Kong, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines, and Japan. The ensemble returned to Asia in 1989 to sing for audiences in Beijing and Shanghai.

Nearly twenty years later, musicians from this prestigious American university are once again traveling across the globe for an exchange of culture, and music. I wish them the best of luck on their travels and I extend my appreciation to all those who have contributed to making this endeavor possible.

Sincerely,



Stephen J. Hadley
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs