

My dear Sir

I have received your seven letters and depend upon their being duly forwarded, I shall not despair of seeing you in the morning but should I not recollect my best wishes for the successful result of your voyage & will give me much pleasure to hear from you either before or after you quit China I perfectly agree with you in thinking you will have abundant time yet to do so before getting clear of Macao unless matters proceed much more rapidly than they have hitherto done - I shall have much pleasure in affording should you any opportunity in my power - and allow me to assure you I shall be happy to be made in any way useful to you in China either during your absence or on your return - with every wish for the full accomplishment of your wishes believe me Yours very sincerely

W Roberts

From Mr Roberts, the President  
of the Select Committee at Centon

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