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YOUR FILE NO.

January 28, 1985

Professor Ronald St. John MacDonald,
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Dear Professor:

How are you? I am very busy here in Calgary and learning a great deal, sometimes the easy way but more often the hard way.

I am sorry we have been out of contact for so long and thought I would drop you a note to tell you about my plans. As you know, I will be joining our Hong Kong office this spring and it now looks like my departure date will be some time in the first part of April, 1985. I do hope we will have a chance to meet before then. I note that the Jessup Moot Final will be held in Edmonton this year and wonder if you will be attending that function. If you are, be sure to drop me a line so that we can arrange to meet.

Have you seen the latest edition of Canadian Lawyer and the article which Fritz von Klein contributed? In case you have not, I enclose a copy for your reference. I am afraid there is a small mistake in Fritz' box article on page 21. I have written the editors of the Canadian Lawyer about the mistake and since I mentioned your name in my letter I thought I should send a copy to you.

As I told you in our last telephone conversation, we have had our Hong Kong people return to Calgary a couple of times

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to put on seminars about doing business in China. Notes of their presentations were prepared and I am enclosing copies of same for your reference. If you think there is any use in publishing a polished version of same, we will happy to do the work necessary.

Please give my best regards to Mary, and I hope everything goes well for both of you in this New Year.

Yours truly,

Bing Ho

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OUR FILE NO.

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January 11, 1985

The Editor
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Dear Sir:

I would like to congratulate Fritz von Klein, the author of "To China with Law," published in the last edition of the Canadian Lawyer. We were introduced by Professor Macdonald of Dalhousie Law School, who requested that I brief Fritz prior to his departure for Peking, where I had just completed two years of study. Professor Macdonald, by the way, was the first North American lawyer to lecture in the People's Republic of China and was also instrumental in my obtaining permission to attend law classes at Peking University from 1980 to 1982 and in Fritz von Klein's doing so subsequently.

There is an error in the box article on page 21 which should be corrected for the record. When Fritz and I met, I was an associate with the Edmonton law firm of Bishop & MacKenzie, but was never asked to establish a Hong Kong office for them, as stated in your article, and have no idea if they intend to open such an office. I left that firm in April of 1984 to join the Calgary law firm of Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer, intending to work in its Hong Kong office (one of the five "international branch offices" which it jointly operates with Phillips & Vineberg, the subject law firm of your cover story). I will be joining Ed Rubin and his colleagues in Hong Kong this April, much inspired by your timely and upbeat article.

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As Fritz and I have obviously fallen out of contact, please forward a copy of this letter and my best wishes to him, along with my address. I would be delighted to hear from him so that we might compare notes about our common friends and experiences in China.

Yours truly,


Bing Ho

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22 april 1985

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Dear Bing:

Many thankssfor your letter of January 28, 1985, together with enclosures, which I appreciated receiving. You were quite right to have corrected Fritz von Klein, whose article we did not much like and which, as you say, was inaccurate.

Please let me have your Hong Kong address as soon as possible as I am anxious to be in close touch with you.

Professør Weng will be here in September. Meng will spend a couple of months in Vancouver before returning to Peking in December.

More later. All the best,

Yours sincerely,

R. St. J. Macdonald, O.C.Q.C.
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June 5, 1986

Professor R.St.J. MacDonald
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Dear Professor MacDonald:

Congratulations on being awarded an honorary doctorate by Peking University. Your considerable contributions to the growing dialogues between Chinese and Western legal scholars reflect well on and should be especially appreciated by Canadian lawyers.

I was in Beijing myself on the day that you received your award. Unfortunately, I could not break free of my clients. I was very disappointed that I could not attend the ceremony and hope you will forgive me for my absence.

For your information, I arrived in Hong Kong almost exactly a year ago. China-related work accounts for almost 100% of my practice. In fact, I have been spending almost one half of my time in China, mostly in Beijing. The experiences that I have had this year have been extremely rewarding and educational and I am very happy about my decision to come out here.

I have had occasional opportunities to pay my respects to Professor Wang. He speaks very highly of you and is very grateful for all the help you have given his students (including me!).

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Incidentally, I just had dinner with Paul Martin Sr. and Jr. in Hong Kong on their way home from Beijing. I told them about how you helped get me into Law School in Beijing, your friendship with China, etc. Naturally, they were extremely delighted to hear about your award.

I do hope we will get a chance to meet in the near future and that we will continue to keep in touch. In the meantime, may I extend my congratulations to you again.

Yours truly,



Bing Ho

BH/il

16 July 1987

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Dear Bing:

Heartiest congratulations on your new appointment and on your posting to Beijing, where of course you will be able to renew many old friendships.

I am full of admiration for the size of Baker and McKenzie and its vast international network, about which I used to hear during my Toronto days 25 years ago. In those days, I used to see something of Bert Stitt who I believe, a power in the land as well as in the Firm. He was an outstanding student and has become an equally outstanding lawyer.

You will be interested to know that Jim Palmer received an honorary LL.D. degree at Dalhousie last May and that Professor Wong was here for a week just ten days ago. His daughter, Ting, is completing her graduate work with us and should be back in Beijing next year. Professor Wong is, as always, exceedingly active and greatly in demand. He gave a fine speech on disarmament in Ottawa.

We are expecting Gao-long in September and the Vice President of the University in January.

Now that I know that you are stabilized, so to speak in Beijing, I will, if I may, write more frequently. There is a research project in which I hope you might be willing to become involved.

Again with my congratulations and most cordial good wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

R. St. J. Macdonald, O.C.Q.C.
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