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To

Keith Sampson

Chief Immigration Officer

Immigration Division

67 Frederick Street,

Port of Spain

Sir,

**Re: Request for conditional release and/or Order of Supervision Pursuant to Section 29(1) of the Immigration Regulations, Chapter 18:01 for Heyin Zhou, Jinzhong Chen, Yongpei Zhou, Jietu He, Xiaoxin Chen, Tianxiang Wu, Qiongfang Kong, Caifang Liang, Liwen Tan, Xiaomin Feng**

I have been instructed by Zhixin Sun Li, who is the Sponsor of the above mentioned Nine Chinese nationals, who have all been issued Deportation orders following the conclusion of the Special inquires conducted at the Immigration Detention Center, Aripo on the 14th and the 15th of May, 2013 by the Special Inquiry Officer , Mr.Steve Jack.

Previously Mr.Li was directed by his former attorney at law who received a letter on the 9th of April, 2013 from the Permanent Secretary Ministry of National Security who advised that the Chief Immigration Officer has indicated that consideration will be given to the release of the above mentioned nine Chinese Nationals of the Peoples Republic of China upon posting of Security Bonds in the sum of TT$24,000 for each person detained. Copy of letter enclosed.

Mr.Li Posted the Security Bonds to the sum of Two hundred and Sixteen thousand Dollars ($216,000) and Immigration Department refused to accept the same as indicated by Mr. Li.

As you are aware the nine Chinese nationals have since appealed the decision of the deportation orders by Mr.Steve Jack the Special Inquiry Officer to the Minister of National Security and are awaiting his decision. Pursuant to the Section 29 (1) of the Immigration Regulations Chapter 18:01 which states “A person who is being detained pending the hearing and the disposition of an appeal under the Act may apply to the Chief Immigration Officer for his release and the Chief Immigration Officer may come up not withstanding anything in this Act, Order his release”

Against this background, I hereby apply for an Order of conditional release on behalf of the nine Chinese detainees pending the Ministers’ determination of their Appeal against the deportation orders.

It must be noted that these Nine detainees are not a danger to the public, flight risk or a threat to the National security and should be granted conditional release bearing in mind that they have been detained for more than 45 days.

Your esteemed consideration is urgently required.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Ross Gidla

C.c to the Minister of National Security

Mr.Emmanuel George

To the Permanent Secretary to the Minister of National Security

Ms. Jennifer Boucaud-Blake.