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Mr. Al Horn, Editor  
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Dear Al,

Having in mind the enormous interest in China these days, I am submitting a short piece based on a three-week visit to Peking and Canton last June-July. I have not attempted to write a very "heavy" piece on China, which I could have done. I do not go into such matters as the discernable swing between the two basic themes in post-1949 China, namely ideology and pragmatism. The present era of relaxation occurred twice before - just before the Great Leap Forward in 1958 and before the Cultural Revolution in 1966 - but I have not attempted, for example, to illustrate that similarity. Nevertheless it did occur to me that you might conceivably have use for a shorter article such as the one I am enclosing. In any case your reactions would be most appreciated.

With best wishes,

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P.S. FYI I also have many photos taken in Peking, Canton and environs in case they would be useful. cw