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Reading Between the Lines of U.S.-China Discord

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WYE RIVER, Maryland — Few subjects elicit more sharp exchanges than Chinese-American relations, and the friction was evident at the Asia Society's annual Williamsburg Conference. A senior Bush administration official traded blows with Chinese participants at this U.S.-Asian get-together. Here's a rough summary:

(1) *United States:* Every time we meet Chinese officials, we tell them to go watch "Hotel Rwanda." Genocides happen with unsavory regimes. So why are you doing business in Zimbabwe and Sudan, not to mention North Korea and Iran? If you want to play an important global role, you must step up to the plate on these issues, stop trying to lock in resources and become a responsible stakeholder.

(2) *China:* Responsible stakeholder? Please. We don't consider a unilateral American foreign policy, militarism, protectionism and double standards on human rights a demonstration of international responsibility. If you make it difficult for us to import oil from Canada and Mexico, we'll look elsewhere. Our principle is noninterference in the internal affairs of other states, which we consider preferable to your use of a democracy-and-freedom banner to hide the aggressive pursuit of national interests, including securing more oil.

(3) *United States:* That's an outrageous suggestion. China is only a half-reformed country. We are not going to let you off the hook when it comes to political freedom. We want to end the cold war in Northeast Asia; that's the Bush doctrine for the region. You need to put more pressure on North Korea to come back to the negotiating table. You need to help us rein in Iran's nuclear ambitions. You need to bring transparency to your military. You need to end censorship and allow religious freedoms.

(4) *China:* One of these so-called religious leaders is a thug. But let that pass. We already see big problems in the relationship. We know you are trying to lead an anti-China alliance. How else should we interpret your strengthened ties with Japan, your new strategic partnership and nuclear cooperation with India, your arms sales to Taiwan, and your threats of punitive tariffs on Chinese goods?

(5) *United States:* That's nonsense! To say we're trying to box China in is wrong. We want to resist balance-of-power politics in Asia. We seek constructive relationships with both India and China. It's true that right now we have a strategic partnership with Delhi and a mere strategic relationship with Beijing. But we're not stupid enough to try to use one against the other. You guys, on the other hand,

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have been pushing the East Asia Summit, which was premature, as a means to exclude us, when we should be building up trans-Pacific organizations like the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum.

(6) *China*: We don't seek your exclusion. But nor do we believe you have an automatic place at the table in the fastest-growing area of the world. Perhaps you should look more to your own economic problems. In Asia we work hard and save. You, on the other hand, are profligate and irresponsible. You spend and spend.

(7) *United States*: If we didn't, who would buy all your exports, the engine of your growth? Without Wal-Mart, you're finished. Speaking of irresponsibility, how about taking a look at your so-called free-trade agreements with Asian countries and your currency? Our trade agreements are rigorous, yours a joke. As for the yuan, its chronic undervaluation is an off-budget trade and job subsidy. By refusing a necessary adjustment, you're encouraging a train wreck in the form of retaliatory trade measures and protectionism.

Part A: Reading Comprehension Skills (60%)

Answer the following questions based on the article, "Reading Between the Lines of U.S.-China Discord," by Roger Cohen. You are requested to use your own words in your answers. Please write in good English at the same time when you give intelligent answers.

1. Describe **one** of the genocides mentioned in Paragraph (1) and explain China's accused role in it. (15%)
2. In Paragraph (2) the U.S. is said to be guilty of using "a democracy-and-freedom banner to hide the aggressive pursuit of national interests." Give details of **one** of the U. S. "interferences" mentioned. (15%)
3. Comment on the "anti-China alliance" issue broached in Paragraph (4). (15%)
4. Paragraph (7) focuses on the U.S.-China trade imbalance. What are the complex implications, made in this paragraph, of "Without Wal-Mart, you're finished."? (15%)

Part B: Write an essay of about 200 words in response to the observation below. Do you agree or disagree? State your reasons. Be sure to cite examples. (40%)

In *Friendly Fire: Losing Friends and Making Enemies in the Anti-American Century*, Julia E. Sweig writes that anti-American sentiments have spread into a global phenomenon, even among the United States' closest allies to an unprecedented depth.