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Chinese Consulate in New York Orchestrated Hate Crime against Quit-CCP Center

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Recorded Phone Investigation by WOIPFG Reveals Chinese Consulate in New York Orchestrated Hate Crime Against Falun Gong, Surrounding and Attacking the Quit-CCP Center's Activities in Flushing, New York

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On May 17, 2008, a rally held by the Quit-CCP Service Center in Flushing, New York met with vicious verbal and physical attacks (from a group of Chinese people). In the following days, the daily operations at the same service center faced similar assaults. [World Organization to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong (WOIPFG) immediately undertook an investigation.] On the morning of May 21, a WOIPFG investigator (with a special status) made a telephone call to Consul General Mr. Peng Keyu of the Chinese Consulate General in New York. The following is the transcript of the recorded telephone conversation.

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• Investigator: Is this New York consulate general Peng Keyu?

Peng: Who is this?

Investigator: This is

Peng: How are you?

Investigator: This time you have really made a huge scene in fighting Falun Gong in Flushing.

Peng: Heh, heh, heh ...That's right.

Investigator: I would like to know how you organized it?

Peng: They [Falun Gong] were protesting against the Chinese Communist Party. Well, I went the day before -, I also went there three days ago. Because we have to be very careful with this kind of thing; otherwise, people will say the Chinese consulate general is behind it, agitating people. Some were among (the crowd), and talked to me after they are done, because I am quite familiar with these. But behind-the-scene we just give them a kind of encouragement. Because I was at the scene, everyone was very excited. The first time, they Falun Gong practitioners came, right? A few hundred people surrounded them. After they surrounded (Falun Gong practitioners), both sides started to argue. Finally the police persuaded Falun Gong (practitioners) to leave, saying you could not stay here any longer. The second day was the same. It was even fiercer. Basically it was that Falun Gong (was driven out,) left dejectedly. Then yesterday and the day before yesterday, this has been going on for 4 to 5 days.

Investigator: How did you get so many people all of sudden? Do you have experience on this?

Peng: I wouldn't call it experience. It's because of the overseas Chinese community. Let me put it this way. It's because of the work on the overseas Chinese community, this time, since the incidents in Tibet happened, and since the Olympic torch relay, (there has been) such a kind of passion... of course, also including after this earthquake, I have always been going out there in person, to thank them. On Monday when I went there, I also had two meetings. I ran other things all on the scene. I went to probably 8 or 9, 8 places. I went to (their) Associations to thank them ... because Falun Gong was just there nearby, you know Things like this [paying visits] sometimes play a role of, something like an encouraging effect.

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Investigator: Didn't the consulate do any ideological work on the Chinese community?

Peng: What do you mean?

Investigator: In other words, giving them a hint or some guidance.

Peng: (Laughing) Oh. There are such things. To tell you the truth, such things ... It's something we cannot openly tell outsiders. There are such things. Sometimes when (I) talk, in and out, (I) say something to Chinese community leaders. Yes, I have done it often. Especially this time, I say it often. As for what you describe as hints, I have done it. And I do it often. Including this time when I went out to the scene. There is that. I also did (that). I even agitated (them). I said, "Write some articles," things like this. Today I told (the people from) CCTV, "You guys should take some footage of these phenomena." It is not bad indeed. I am, I can only (do this) behind-the-scene, I am telling you the truth. Well ...

Investigator: It appears you have done a solid work on the Chinese community leaders on the regular base.

Peng: I should say I have kept a good relationship with them. Given their kind of passion, you must go there (in person). Showing up there (in person) or not makes a lot of difference in terms of effect. So you go there in person. That is a bit hard work. You work a little harder, but, this way (I) get closer to the hearts of those overseas Chinese people. For example, they came over after they fought with Falun Gong (practitioners), and I shook hands with them one by one to thank them. Then I said a few words (to them), encouraging words. This is what must be done. I am just telling you the truth. Even when it is done to this extent, yet I cannot do it right there in front of Falun Gong. I always parked my car far from the scene to avoid being seen by them [Falun Gong practitioners]. I must be careful about this; otherwise, people will accuse me ... This will give them leverage. That will not be good. You know, I have been very careful. When they came down here and (told me) we had driven (Falun Gong practitioners) out, I just shook hands with them. I said thank you to them, and some encouraging words. In addition, I held a press conference yesterday and condemned Falun Gong. Yesterday, it was yesterday when I held a press conference.

Investigator: Did you [have the press conference] in the name of the Chinese consulate general in New York, or some other name?

Peng: The consulate general, just consulate general, condemned (them). It is on the newspaper today. I read it today. The China Press (Qiao Bao) made a very detailed report.

The entire conversation revealed that the whole incident in Flushing has nothing to do with Sichuan earthquake or earthquake relief, and that incident was not initiated by local residents spontaneously. Instead, this incident was controlled by CCP and was orchestrated by and directly involved the Chinese Consulate in New York. WOIPFG will closely follow up the investigation of this incident.