Dear Mr. Moorhead:

Thank you for your letter of March 18, requesting information on behalf of Mr. K.H. Sun about the arrest and sentencing of Mr. Po Yang.

Upon learning of Mr. Po Yang's arrest, we instructed our Embassy in Taipei to bring Mr. Po's case to the attention of the Republic of China (ROC) officials and to ask for details. The ROC subsequently informed us that Mr. Po was arrested in December 1969, for engaging in Communist subversive activities and was sentenced to ten years imprisonment. Due to the terms of the General Commutation of 1975, his term was reduced to eight years. The officials reported that Mr. Po was released on March 6, 1976; however, the Embassy has heard rumors that Mr. Po is still under some form of detention or surveillance. We have instructed our Embassy to look into the validity of these rumors.

While the Department is not in a position to corroborate the particulars of Mr. Po's case, I hope this information will be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

Enclosure:
Correspondence returned.

The Honorable
William S. Moorhead,
House of Representatives.