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FBP calls for Bush to demand People's Republic of China accept own illegal alien nationals

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As President Bush meets with Chinese President Hu Jintao, they are discussing many important issues like trade, North Korea, and energy needs. One issue that doesn't seem to have made it to the discussion table is China's long-standing steadfast refusal to accept the repatriation of its own citizens.

Its common knowledge among immigration officers and Chinese immigrants that rather than go through the potentially expensive and time consuming process of legalization into American society, it is much cheaper and easier simply to fly into Mexico City and walk across the border into America.

"As a former Senior Patrol Agent at the Nogales Border Patrol Station in southern Arizona, I have personally witnessed numerous Chinese immigrants who simply walked across the U.S. - Mexico border and then sat down and calmly waited for apprehension by the U.S. Border Patrol. They are always very well mannered and in good spirits as the most difficult part of their trip is now over. The Chinese nationals know as well as the arresting officers that all that will result is a few hours of paperwork, a perfunctory appearance at an immigration court in Tucson, and then a walk out the front door with "Legally Paroled into the United States" documents in hand," stated Scott James, FBP Senior Consultant.

"At last estimate there are some 30,000 or so of these illegal aliens in America. It would be nice if President Bush would mention to Chinese President Hu that, if he perhaps has some extra room on the flight home, he could take some of his own citizens back with him. Maybe Julie Myers' great "crackdown" on illegal immigration hasn't gotten this far yet," Mr. James concluded.

"I don't care where the person is from, we have laws, and as long as we continue to allow nations to discard their citizens upon us and remain silent, we will continue to confront this invasion, and be mocked by the world's leaders," stated Andy Ramirez, FBP Chairman.

"Also, we at FBP are not getting too excited about yesterday's press conference with Secretary Chertoff of the Department of Homeland Security. A giant press conference announcing their crackdown on employers of illegal aliens is nothing that should have been celebrated. Although you wouldn't know it, interior enforcement has in fact been the responsibility of DHS since its inception. It will take more than this coincidentally well-timed token effort to convince FBP and the American people that DHS is finally (only a mere 4 1/2 years after 9/11) getting serious about enforcing the law. It left me wondering... if DHS is celebrating catching 1000 illegal aliens (out of only 12 million in the U.S.), would the 1,000th apprehension by the U.S. Border Patrol (which takes place several times each day) merit breaking a pinata?" summed up Ramirez.

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