Welcome from the Commander

By 騎 龍 魁 Ron Burkett, Post Commander

Thanks to our very active membership, China Post 1 closed out fiscal year 2018 in excellent shape. Our total membership increased, we’re operating in the black, and we are supporting our programs. Details will be shared at our annual business meeting in September.

Though we’ve exceeded our room block, the Tropicana River Walk Hotel in San Antonio is continuing to honor requests for reservations at the convention rate. If you are thinking about attending, and haven’t made your reservations, you need to do that now. If you haven’t submitted your event registration form, you should also do that now.

Our Memorial Division program is progressing with meetings in Las Vegas, San Antonio, Houston and Northern Virginia. If you are interested in organizing one in your area, please let me know.

Long time China Post 1 member Gay Meyer donated a Henry .22 caliber Golden Boy rifle with scope, to raffle off during the reunion. We are limiting participation to 100 tickets at $50 each. If you’d like to buy tickets, mail your check to the Adjutant in Henderson. You do not need to be present to win, but you must be a member of China Post, and you must provide a shipping address in the Continental US. I look forward to seeing you in San Antonio.

騎 龍 魁

Ron Burkett, CDR, CP1
Adjutant’s Corner

By 瑞獅士 Jim Lint, Post Adjutant

I have spent a one year tour as the Adjutant. I learned a lot.

We have been able to shut down the physical office for which China Post 1 has paid for many years. No more rent or utilities. The future is Virtual Offices. Anna and I have taught college online for more than seven years, and it is possible to do virtual offices. Teleworking is becoming a demand from new employees. (It is actually cheaper for employers.) China Post 1 has moved into the future, and it is cost effective.

Remember if you are sponsoring a new member who is in The American Legion, they will need to fill out a Transfer Form. Normally National Headquarters will process it and return it in less than a week. We have had it done in one hour. Email and the computer are making bureaucracy much faster.

As of the new Membership Year starting on 1 July, our China Post 1 membership population number is 1,259.

Hal Hunt, a 32 year member and China Post 1 Poop Sheet Editor, is putting together a list or compendium of China Post 1 authors. If you are a published author, or know of a member who is, send a link or data on books, blogs, and places you or they have been published to poopsheet@chinapost1.email with Subject: Author.

There are many ways to volunteer in China Post 1. YOU are the best person to think of a way to improve YOUR organization.

The American Legion Fiscal/Membership Year starts 1 July. Dues are still $50. You can renew online or via the Nevada post office box below:

Renew membership online

BOTTOM LINE: Happy New Membership Year; we can now pay and process for the 2019 membership year.

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2018 New Members

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New Member John H. Allen

I am John Allen, a new member and proud USMC Vietnam Veteran. I was fortunate to meet both Jim Lint (on the left) and Tom Tatten (in the center) at the Leatherneck Club on Wednesday, 5 May 2018. I was in Las Vegas for a few days, and it was great putting faces to names. SEMPER FI and I hope to make a meeting up the road.

The History of China Post 1

By Chris Spidle

Today I sat in what was formerly our Post Headquarters (HQ) for 25 years in Scottsdale Arizona. It is a lovely home in an older part of Scottsdale near Papago Mountain and Park. The home is walking distance from the US Army Reserve HQ and several National Guard units.

The current owner of the home, Joe Ray, chatted with me for about 30 minutes in the living room. Joe bought the home from Post Commander C. A. S. Helseth and his wife Emmy, who moved to Southern California after CASH’s death.

Our Post history indicates that Governor Barry Goldwater was a member. He certainly qualified (Check Wikipedia). So I make the assumption that Barry had been a guest at the Post HQ.

The current owner recognized my China Post 1 cap at the door but knew little of its significance. He said he saw a bunch of stuff with China Post 1 on it when they first looked at the home. He said for years an occasional letter for the Post would come, but finally they trailed off. (Maybe that’s where everyone’s past due dues checks got lost. 😊)
There was nothing dramatic to learn. But it was a special Sunday afternoon sitting in the former Post HQ, and more so because it was once the home of such a significant person in the history of America and China, and I guess Japan also, in a way!

There were a couple of interesting mentions by Joe. CASH had bars on all the windows. He also had a nonfunctional camera and fake alarm indicators on the windows that looked official, but inside there was only a battery.

There was a severe lightening strike on the roof after the current owner occupied the house. They wondered if they would find anything in the attic, but they didn’t.

Joe didn’t know what China Post 1 is all about. He does now.

Two interesting things: The home has a huge rural style mailbox. HUGE. Joe said the Helseth’s did bulk mailings for the American Legion, so they also received a lot of mail; hence, the oversize mailbox.

Joe also mentioned when they first looked at the home, Emmy had it full of Chinese items and lots of carved ivory.

And the oddest fact was that apparently CASH had a custom of marking his possessions. I’m told everything he had was marked with a dab of red paint that he dipped his finger into -- just a dot.

Joe gave me his business card. I noticed his logo is an image of his fingerprint in red ink inside a circle. When I pointed that out and asked if that had to do with Commander Helseth, Joe was surprised. He said: “No actually there was no coincidence intended.

I am pretty sure that Joe is proud that his home was HQ for such a distinguished group and for CASH Helseth himself. It seems notable to me that our Post home was right here in Scottsdale, and the Honorable Barry Goldwater was most likely a guest there from time to time.

I took some photos of the home. None turned out good as the sun was right in my face. I’ll stop by on a nice sunny morning and get a good one. But here’s one of the mailbox.
Editor’s Note: After Chris sent the preceding article, he received the following information from Mr. Ray:
He wants me to come back to photograph the two scenes in the Post History brief that started this quest. And he says he has a box of stuff in the attic that we will get out. This will be after it cools off in a couple of months.

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China Post 1 Sons of the American Legion Squadron

By Leroy Cockrell, Squadron Commander

Meet our latest member of the China Post 1 Sons of the American Legion Squadron, Ernie Parrish with his lovely wife Margaret. He joined our group while they were visiting family recently in Ruidoso, New Mexico. Also pictured, (bottom row) are Lola Parrish, Ernie’s mom, and China Post 1 Auxiliary Treasurer, Bill Parrish, Ernie’s dad, a Korean War veteran and China Post 1 member, and Linda Cockrell, China Post 1 Auxiliary President. Ernie and Margaret live in Fallbrook, California. My wife, Linda, was already talking to Margaret about joining the China Post 1 Auxiliary. Others in their rather large family are considering membership as well. They are truly becoming a China Post 1 Family!

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Emblem Sales

My new China Post 1 baseball cap! I Love it! John H. Allen

Memorial Division News

By Hal Hunt

Our Post By-Laws authorize the creation of a Memorial Division “Wherever and whenever there are consistently ten (10) post members available in a geographic area or whose common experiences allow them to band together to promote the comradeship of Americans and Legionnaires …” Memorial Divisions (MemDivs) provide an opportunity for China Post 1 members who are in close geographical proximity to get together, particularly for those who cannot normally attend the annual reunions. They also provide an opportunity to invite potential new members and their families, and to give them a way to become involved with China Post 1. Also, many of those potential new members may have spouses who are veterans who should also be invited to join, even if they don't necessarily have the backgrounds that we might usually look for.

In the past we have had more than 40 former, present, and forming MemDivs worldwide, plus additional MemDivs “in exile”. Although the majority of these MemDivs have operated in specific geographic areas ranging from Abu Dhabi to the United Kingdom and many others, there also have been MemDivs based on common experiences such as Air Commandos, Medics, Ravens, and Special Operations.

We now have substantially fewer active MemDivs. Those in Nevada, Northern Virginia, and the Philippines (Baguio City) engage in various activities and events. In addition, Chris Spidle is working hard to reestablish our Baghdad MemDiv, and Ken Stein and Lou Holub are reenergizing a MemDiv in Thailand. Ken Orrock and Lin Thompson are undertaking the establishment of a new MemDiv in the South Dakota Black Hills. Most recently, Deputy Commander Hans Stockenberger has been instrumental in reinvigorating the Houston MemDiv (see report below). Not only are all of these efforts commendable, but they also serve as a challenge to the rest of us to support them, to reinvigorate other former MemDivs, or to organize new MemDivs in areas of common interest or experience. Some possibilities for the latter might be: cybersecurity practitioners,
intelligence analysts, smokejumpers, members operating or maintaining a particular type of aircraft or other equipment, or members employed by contractors supporting international operations.

For any China Post 1 member who would like to take the lead in reinstating or launching a MemDiv, send us an email to poopsheet@chinapost1.email with the Subject: “MemDiv” to let us know about it. Your efforts will be featured here in the Memorial Division News section of the next issue of the Poop Sheet, with the understanding that creating a MemDiv does require the approval of the Post Executive Committee, and that MemDivs should neither be raising money, nor doing anything else that would impact China Post 1’s tax status.

Baghdad Memorial Division (Reorganizing)

By Chris Spidle

When I met James “Doc” Wengenroth, RIP, he was assigned to indoctrinate me on procedures. When we rode together on my first convoy security escort mission, we discussed China Post 1. I said I have a lot of regard for the Air America and Flying Tiger guys. Doc pointed out that they were in the air and we were on the highway. That gave me a whole new perspective without taking away from anyone’s contribution. That’s how Doc was.

Doc always had incredibly relevant words of wisdom. He was never seen drinking water. That seemed odd and caused me to wonder if he was actually “from another planet” 😄, I discussed with him how some people are so odd that I think they are from another planet. To my utter surprise he responded by pointing out he was wearing a Star Trek polo shirt.

Once, I wanted to discuss comsec with Doc. I mentioned our internet was not secure, but we passed all our operational material over it. The internet service provider (ISP) was Iraqi, and we could easily be monitored. Doc calmly offered these very elegant words of wisdom: “Just assume everything you send or say is being listened to. And more important, assume they will DEFINITELY act on it!” That was brilliant and pretty much wrapped up that issue. From then on, I did just what he said, and was ready for anything.

At a daily morning briefing meeting, he advised Management that he was definitely going to the China Post 1 reunion (September 2006). He then declared: “If you don’t like it, the only thing that changes is that I’m not coming back.” That’s how much of a dedicated China Post 1 member he was.

When I was on missions, he would stay awake as long as our teams were on the road, to help keep us safe. At one stressful time for the company, we had a mission that was extremely important to the company’s financial health. Doc needed many trucks from down south in the Basrah area. He would get the “GO” sign and dispatch an escort team to go bring them back. Three or four times, as the trucks reached the south side of Baghdad, the deal would fall through.

He kept sending and recalling the team. He got so frustrated that finally he just quietly got up, walked to the window, drew his .45 Springfield Armory Model 1911 from the old military style holster he had strapped in his olive drab green web belt, fired a single round out the window, re-holstered, and sat down.

He then opened a bottle of select whiskey and poured us each a shot. We slammed them and went back to work. That was the only emotion he allowed to show, and it was amazingly descriptive of his frustration.
Doc always had the mission of the establishment and functioning of the Baghdad Memorial Division in his heart. If anyone served appropriately in Iraq and wishes to be affiliated with the Baghdad Memorial Division, kindly feel free to contact me at c@spidle.com.

**Houston Memorial Division**

*By Hans Stockenberger, Post Deputy Commander*

12 June 2018 Meeting

On 12 June, Houston area China Post 1 members met at Christie’s Seafood and Steaks Restaurant for an evening of good food and comradery. This was their first meeting, and 12 members, including three wives, made the trip from various parts in and around Houston. Everyone had the chance to introduce themselves and tell how they had become members of China Post 1. For many, it was the first time they had met.

A short meeting was conducted by Deputy Commander Hans Stockenberger, who spoke about upcoming events and other relevant information including:

- Current membership is 1,216 paid up members, not including the Auxiliary or the SAL.
- New Challenge coins are now available from Emblem Sales. A coin was circulated for everyone to see.
- The American Legion and China Post 1 will celebrate their 100th year anniversaries in 2019 and 2020. The Department of France will be hosting a Centennial Celebration in Paris France March 15-17, 2019.

All present enjoyed the evening and agreed to make this meeting a regular event. The next meeting will be held at Christie’s Restaurant, 6029 Westheimer, Houston, Texas. The meeting also raised $300 for the Dragon Fund.

Present for the meeting were: Joseph Frankie III, Eugene Horrocks, Larry Katzenmeier, Kerry Kilburn, Corey Kilburn, Billy Martin, BJ Robertson, Leigh Robertson, Hans Stockenberger, Rich Vandiver, Xochitl Vandiver, Oliver Aveor, and Steven Metcalf.

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10 July 2018 Meeting

The Houston Memorial Division held its second meeting at Christie’s Seafood restaurant on 10 July. Eight members and one guest were present. Also, one of our younger members, Steven Metcalf brought his son Shane, soon to become a China Post 1 SAL member.

- Members present want to continue meetings in the Houston area throughout the year, and would support the establishment of the Houston Memorial Division.
- We will continue meeting at Christie’s Seafood for future meetings, but will consider other venues.
- Everyone present was encouraged to register for our reunion in September, if they have not done so already. We expect to have a great turnout.
- A long time China Post 1 member donated a Henry .22 caliber Golden Boy rifle, with scope, to be raffled off during the reunion. We will sell only 100 tickets at $50 each. You do not need to be present to win, but you must be a member of China Post and you must provide a shipping address in the Continental US. Three tickets were sold during the meeting (Gene Horrocks, Billy Martin and Hans Stockenberger).
- Due to the upcoming American Legion Convention in August, and the China Post reunion in September, the Houston Memorial Division will not meet again at Christies until the second Tuesday in October (10/09/2018).
- To make the meetings more interesting, members are encouraged to propose speakers for our meetings.
- Billy Martin proposed special events such as watching the Army Navy game in December, and a Christmas dinner. We’ll keep everyone posted on this.

Nevada Memorial Division

By Jim Lint

China Post 1 member Dan Atkins won the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 3848 election for Post Commander on 25 April 2018. Many China Post 1 Nevada Memorial Division members showed up to cast votes. Dan is an active member of both the VFW and China Post 1. A good time was had by all.

12 May 2018 Meeting

AROUND THE TABLE INTRODUCTIONS AND COMMENTS.

NEWS:

1) Bill Anton’s burial at Arlington National Cemetery (May 22, 2018).
2) Memorial Day event Jeff manages at Boulder City Veteran Cemetery (May 28, 2018).
3) 2019 Membership Year dues are accepted on (July 1, 2018).
4) New member: Norman (Grumpy) Honadle.

ATTENDEES (5/12/18) - 17 people.

(Starting at green shirt George Rivers going clockwise) Jeff Carson, Robert Ault, Su Phelps, Jim Hanke, Tom Tatten, Mike Kandt, Jim Lint, Pete Caimi, Nicole Caimi, Betty Rothenstein, Lou Rothenstein, Dan Adkins, Toni Carpenter, Bud Pattengale, Anna Lint, and Norman Honadle (not in the picture: photographer and new member).

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14 July 2018 Meeting

ROUND THE TABLE INTRODUCTIONS AND COMMENTS.

We had a discussion about the large number of people now writing, or who have written books. Those that had Top Secret clearances probably signed an SF 312, CLASSIFIED INFORMATION NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT. We might want to remember Paragraphs 3 and 5 which indicates the author gives all royalties to the US Government if any classified information is disclosed. Jim Lint remarked that his first book Pre-Publication Review was completed in 10 days. His other two books took longer. The CIA says they will do Pre-Publication Reviews in less than 90 days. Authors should contact their last G-2, Service Branch G-2, or Agency Security Officer. The Office of the Director of National Intelligence website for Pre-Publication Review is located at https://www.dni.gov/index.php/who-we-are/organizations/ic-cio/ic-cio-related-links/pre-publication-review.

News:

1) 2018 Reunion in San Antonio (Sept 20-23)
2) Raffle for Henry Golden Boy during Reunion (each ticket: $50)
3) 2019 Membership dues started from July 1, 2018
4) Jeff Carson invited two transfer members (Terry Parker and Tom Reyes)
5) VFW 3848 buried 35 unclaimed veterans' remains.

ATTENDEES (7/14/18) - 17 people.
(Starting at Jim Lint going clockwise) Nicole Caimi, Pete Caimi, Jim McGarry, Don Loyd, George Rivers, Bud Pattengale, Toni Carpenter, Tom Tatten, Tom Reyes, John Istle, Dan Adkins, Robert Ault, Jim Hanke, Terry Parker, Jeff Carson, Anna Lint (not in the picture: photographer).
Northern Virginia Memorial Division

By Mike Evers, MemDiv Adjutant

The Northern Virginia Memorial Division Annual Luncheon was held on Sunday, April 29, 2018, at the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge 2188 in Fairfax, Virginia. The date was chosen to commemorate the final departure of United States forces in 1975 from what was then the Republic of Vietnam.

Fred Donner gave a presentation on Japanese balloon bomb casualties in the U.S., illustrated with pictures and a discussion of Fred’s connection to each. Fred Gerkens shared with the attendees his pictures from his tour in Southeast Asia.

More than 37 members and guests attended the Annual Luncheon. Old friendships were renewed, and new friendships were made. The excellent meal and the program that followed were enjoyed by all, and the participants look forward to next year’s Annual Luncheon. (Photos by Anna Lint)
Quarterly Feature

By Joe Gentile

Setting History’s Stage for Frederick Townsend Ward

The Taiping Rebellion from 1851 to 1864 engulfed Imperial China. Total civil war compelled the Manchu emperor of the Qing Dynasty to seek an army trained and led by foreign officers. Frederick Townsend Ward, as most of you already know, was Commander of the Ever Victorious Army, and was the Qing solution to the rebellion. Ward, who was wounded in action and later died of wounds in the Battle of Cixi, has a significant place in Chinese history. What you may not know is that his opponent died of intestinal distress after eating weeds while his compound was under siege.

Ward is now memorialized in mainland China at the Taiping Heavenly Kingdom History Museum, Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, People’s Republic of China (PRC). I visited the site in June to see that both sides of the conflict received equal billing. I’ve included information below from Wikipedia on the belligerents and an image of the Rebel Commander, Hong Xiuquan, who greets you just beyond the main entrance. The bust is no doubt impressive as is the gallery dedicated to Ward.

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|                       | Empress Dowager          | Hong Tianguifu *         |
|                       | Cixi                     | Yang Xiuqing †           |
|                       | Zeng Guofan              | Feng Yunshan †           |
|                       | Zheng Ge Xinchen         | Xiao Changgui †          |
|                       | Guanwun                  | Wei Changhui             |
|                       | Li Hongzhang             | Shi Dakai ‡              |
|                       | Zuo Zongtang             | Li Xuancheng ‡           |
|                       | Zhang Guoliang †         | Chen Yucheng ‡           |
|                       | He Chum                  | Li Shixian †             |
|                       | Frederick Townsend Ward  | Qin Rigang               |
|                       | Auguste Protec †         |                          |
|                       | Charles George           |                          |

If you decide to visit the museum, a ticket will set you back 5 RMB. About half way through the former palace, you will find an entire gallery dedicated to Ward’s creation and leadership of the Ever Victorious Army.
Ward also had a Battle Standard. I’m not sure where this image came from, but one of our experts along with one of my counterparts says its spells “HUA”. You could also run HUA through one of those internet translator apps to hear the pronunciation.

The museum has artifacts in the form of replicas and the real McCoy. That is what the signs say. Towards the end of the gallery dedicated to Ward, you will find a tombstone. So, if I can believe what locals told me, I was looking at Ward’s tombstone. Check out the ballistic damage at the bottom of the stone; you can be the judge.
We expect that China Post 1 will also be getting additional help from locals and the museum staff. If the timing is right, our Historian Scott Riebel will have received a charcoal rubbing of the stone in time to translate it for the China Post 1 2018 Reunion in San Antonio.

Lastly, the image below is of Joe Gentile and CP1 Member Richard Apel (right) along with our hosts displaying China Post colors at the front door, Taiping Heavenly Kingdom Palace, Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, PRC.

**Fallen Comrades**

Mike Evers has notified us that the Northern Virginia Memorial Division of China Post 1 lost a distinguished member in June of this year. Naran Ivanchukov was a 35-year veteran CIA officer. He was uniquely qualified because of his language capabilities and unusual ethnic background. He was fluent in Mongolian, Russian, English, Bulgarian, Serbo-Croatian, and Mandarin Chinese. Naran was recognized for his professional accomplishments many times over his career, and was a force for change within the CIA. He was recognized for mentoring many junior officers, and helping them with their careers throughout his tenure.
News from Our Members

Honors Flight

Jeff O’Neill attended an Honors Flight (WWII, Korea, Vietnam veterans) at DCA on Saturday morning, April 21, 2018, with the University of Michigan DC Alumni Chapter.

These photos are with Marines from Michigan and Wisconsin. Editor’s Note: Jeff says that he had a great time and that it was an honor to meet them.

Veterans Cemetery in Houston Texas

China Post 1 members Leigh Robertson, BJ Robertson, and Deputy Commander Hans Stockenberger attended Memorial Day events at the Veterans Cemetery in Houston, Texas. Following the event they visited Commander Fred Platt’s gravesite for a remembrance and toast!
Andrew Ertl earns Master’s Degree from Tsinghua University

Well...I successfully defended my thesis in June, later travelled to Mongolia and made sure to ‘play tourist’ in Beijing while I still could, and I’ve "Mastered Global Affairs". Last week I graduated with a Master's of Management Science in Global Affairs. I'm just now starting to get over my jet lag fully. I'm in contact with my local Congressman's (Mike Gallagher) staff about when I can start a summer internship at his Green Bay office, and preparing for my upcoming program at Oxford, which starts mid September.

China Post 1 in Esfahan

Calvin L. Williams, III writes: “I was one of the members of the four posts operating in Esfahan, Iran, in 1978. C.A.S. Helseth recruited me. There were 115 of us there performing various missions.” Cal went on to explain that after his discharge from the United States Air Force Security Service in 1965, he had chosen oil and gas construction as his profession. In 1978, while working for Fluor Corporation out of Irvine, California, he was assigned to participate in the construction of a 200,000 barrel per day oil refinery for the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) in Esfahan, Iran.

Cal continues: “My position merited family status so my wife and four children and I lived in a private home provided by the company. On a Sunday morning, one of my children came into the back yard and said ‘Daddy, there is a man at the front door that wants to speak to you’. I went to the door. The individual was a well dressed American approximately my age. He asked if I had time to go for a walk.

As we walked, he introduced himself and stated we had something in common. He asked if I remembered my assignment in Berlin. I was quite surprised by this question, as this was something I had never discussed with anyone. As all this was still classified, I did not answer directly, but instead, stated I was not sure what he was talking about. In Berlin, we had given this particular hillside location a number – he stated the number. He then stated: 'I was a part of that mission; I remember you.’ I never asked how he knew where to find me. I said: ‘what can I do for you?’ He said that there were several of ‘us’ here in Esfahan. He asked if I was familiar with China Post 1. I stated I was not. He indicated I would receive an invitation to join if I was interested. I said that I was interested, and he replied that I was in a position to assist in the developing situation in Iran.”

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**Editor’s Note:** At this point Cal goes on to describe an assignment that he accepted that was related to the turbulence in Iran at that time. Due to its sensitive nature, the details are not described in this account.

“Between August and December of that year, strikes and demonstrations ripped across the country. Our facility was experiencing riots and general unrest. I accepted the assignment. I was contacted by a member of China Post 1 who was engaged in similar activities as the Bell Helicopter representative in the area, and became a member. As riots consumed our project, we left the job unfinished, getting our families out while we could.”

**RF-101C Voodoo Information Request**

I am an aviation author with 35 published titles, many of them concerning air operations during the Vietnam War. At present I am working on a book covering the activities of the RF-101C Voodoo squadrons and their support organizations in Tan Son Nhut, Udorn and Phu Cat. I wonder if it would be possible to contact through your Post, any persons who flew, maintained or provided photo interpretation services for these units. I would be very glad to hear from anyone who would like to be included, even in a small way. Full credit will be given and proof copy provided for checking if required.

Your help would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Peter E Davies, aardvarkd@msn.com

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