The President directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant in behalf of the appointment of Mr. W. W. Rockhill as Minister to China, and in reply I beg to inform you that your communication has been referred to the Secretary of State for consideration in connection with the other papers in Mr. Rockhill's case on file in that Department.

Very truly yours,

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Secretary to the President.

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