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Dear Mr. Prashad:

I write today to demand that Tricontinental: Institute for Social Research (“Tricontinental”), the tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization that you lead, turn over certain documents to the United States Committee on Ways and Means (“Committee”).<sup>1</sup> The Committee’s interest in Tricontinental is informed by the Committee’s history of work on tax-exempt entities who have established problematic relationships with the Chinese Communist Party (“CCP”) and its allies. The Committee is disturbed by the connections between yourself, Tricontinental, and organizations linked to the CCP.<sup>2</sup> This action taken by the Committee is part of a concerted effort to review such allegations and is grounded in congressional hearings and past investigatory letters that continue to unveil concerning connections between tax-exempt groups and foreign nations.<sup>3</sup> The Committee has favorably reported legislation to curb these relationships, including several bills to protect election integrity and prohibit foreign money from being funneled through tax-exempt organizations to influence U.S. politics.<sup>4</sup> Therefore, given the

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<sup>1</sup> IRS Form 990-N (“e-Postcard”), Org. No. 82-2882135, for period ending Dec. 2022 (filed Sep. 9, 2023), [https://apps.irs.gov/pub/epostcard/cor/822882135\\_202212\\_990\\_2023111621947884.pdf](https://apps.irs.gov/pub/epostcard/cor/822882135_202212_990_2023111621947884.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> Tricontinental and its members have frequently either hosted or participated in events promoting CCP talking points<sup>2</sup>, including your participation in the Latin American Council of Social Sciences where you hosted panels on the United States’ “addiction to imperialism.”

<sup>3</sup> H. Comm. On Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, *Oversight Subcommittee Hearing on Fueling Chaos: Tracing the Flow of Tax-Exempt Dollars to Antisemitism* (July 23, 2024), <https://waysandmeans.house.gov/event/oversight-subcommittee-hearing-on-fueling-chaos-tracing-the-flow-of-tax-exempt-dollars-to-antisemitism/>; <https://waysandmeans.house.gov/event/oversight-subcommittee-hearing-on-fueling-chaos-tracing-the-flow-of-tax-exempt-dollars-to-antisemitism/>; Letter from Jason Smith, Chairman, H. Comm. On Ways and Means, letter to Scott Bessent et. al, Acting Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, (Oct. 6, 2025), <https://waysandmeans.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/10.6.25-Letter-to-IRS.pdf>; Letter from Jason Smith, Chairman, H. Comm. On Ways and Means, letter to Manolo De Los Santos, Executive Director, The People’s Forum, (Sep. 4, 2025), <https://waysandmeans.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/9.4.25-The-Peoples-Forum-Letter.pdf>.

<sup>4</sup> H. Comm. On Ways & Means, *Ways and Means Advances Solutions to Protect Election Integrity, Fight Foreign Money in American Politics*, (May 16, 2024), <https://waysandmeans.house.gov/2024/05/16/ways-and-means-advances-solutions-to-protect-election-integrity-fight-foreign-money-in-american-politics/>.

Committee’s concerns I seek to understand why, and if, Tricontinental deserves their tax-exempt status.

### **Tax Exempt Status**

Pursuant to Rule X, clause 1(t) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has jurisdiction over matters related to tax-exempt organizations.<sup>5</sup> Oversight authority of the Committee’s jurisdiction is delegated to the Committee under Rule X, clause 2 of the Rules of the House of Representatives.<sup>6</sup> Tricontinental operates as a 501(c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”),<sup>7</sup> a designation that falls squarely within the Committee’s jurisdiction. With this designation, comes both generous tax benefits, as well as certain requirements under the law and regulations promulgated under Section 501 of the IRC.<sup>8</sup>

If more than an insubstantial part of an organization’s activities is not in furtherance of a tax-exempt purpose outlined in IRC 501(c)(3), the organization is not operated “exclusively” for such exempt purpose.<sup>9</sup> The Supreme Court has held that “the presence of a single [nonexempt] purpose, if substantial in nature, will destroy the exemption regardless of the number or importance of truly [exempt] purposes.”<sup>10</sup> Under the First Amendment, Americans have a right to peacefully express their views, even if those views are considered reprehensible. However, speech directed at inciting or producing imminent lawlessness, in addition to statements where the speaker means to communicate a serious expression of an intent to commit an act of unlawful violence to a particular individual or group of individuals – including fighting words or true threats – are not protected under the First Amendment.<sup>11</sup>

While a tax-exempt organization may lawfully receive large donations from a private citizen, the Committee is concerned that receiving donations from an individual who lives in Shanghai, maintains business ties with companies and individuals linked to the CCP, works with and physically alongside a foreign propaganda company, and attends CCP forums on how to promote the party abroad raises serious questions as to whether you and Tricontinental would qualify as “agent[s] of a foreign principal” as defined by the Foreign Agents Registration Act (“FARA”).<sup>12</sup> There is precedent for the U.S. Department of Justice (“DOJ”) to pursue FARA charges in cases with similar facts. In 2022, the DOJ indicted a Russian legislator and two staff members with conspiracy to act as an agent of a foreign government.<sup>13</sup> In the indictment, DOJ said that the accused individuals used a non-profit organization “as a front for a global foreign

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<sup>5</sup> Rule X, clause 1(t), Rules of the House of Representatives, (119th Cong.).

<sup>6</sup> Rule X, clause 2, Rules of the House of Representatives, (119th Cong.).

<sup>7</sup> Nonprofit Explorer: Tricontinental, PROPUBLICA, <https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/822882135> (last visited Feb. 4, 2026).

<sup>8</sup> See 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3); see also Treas. Reg. § 1.501(c)(3)-1.

<sup>9</sup> TREAS. REG. 1.501(c)(3)-1(c)(1).

<sup>10</sup> *Better Business Bureau of Washington, D.C., Inc. v. United States*, 326 U.S. 279 (1945).

<sup>11</sup> *Bradenburg v. Ohio*, 395 U.S. 444 (1969); *Virginia v. Black*, 538 U.S. 343 (2003); *Chaplinsky v. State of New Hampshire*, 315 U.S. 568 (1942); *Giboney v. Empire Storage & Ice Co.*, 336 U.S. 490 (1949).

<sup>12</sup> 22 U.S.C. § 611(c)(1).

<sup>13</sup> *USA v. Babakov*, ECF No. 2 (S.D.N.Y. April 7, 2022).

influence campaign to advance Russia's foreign policy objectives.”<sup>14</sup>

### **Tricontinental’s Connection to the Chinese Communist Party**

Since its founding in 2017, Tricontinental has been responsible for spreading Marxist and anti-American rhetoric across both the United States and the globe.<sup>15</sup> Reports indicate that Tricontinental, and individuals connected to it, have been responsible for sowing chaos and spreading Chinese propaganda, possibly in coordination with a foreign government.<sup>16</sup> In addition to your work at Tricontinental, you serve as a senior fellow at the Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies at the Renmin University of China, a think tank with links to China’s Ministry of Education and Beijing’s municipal government.<sup>17</sup> In 2023, you were a keynote speaker at a conference hosted by the School of Communications at East China Normal University, a public institute funded by the CCP’s Ministry of Education.<sup>18</sup>

Tricontinental also has several connections with the Maku Group, a Chinese media company that has the stated goal to “tell China’s story well,” a slogan frequently used for CCP propaganda.<sup>19</sup> In 2021, Tricontinental and Maku Group agreed to work with East China Normal University’s School of Communication to broadly circulate the “voice of China” throughout the world in both Chinese and English.<sup>20</sup> Xiong Jie, the founder of Maku, has coauthored several articles with you in American publications, suggesting that Tricontinental is aiding Maku Group and the CCP in spreading Chinese propaganda, particularly to the United States and South America.<sup>21</sup> Jie is also listed as a researcher for Tricontinental.<sup>22</sup> In addition to the actions taken to

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<sup>14</sup> *Id.*

<sup>15</sup> Tricontinental: Institute for Social Research, About (last visited Jan. 21, 2026), <https://thetricontinental.org/about/#history>.

<sup>16</sup> Jennifer Baker, *CCP Influence in U.S. Pro-Palestinian Activism*, GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY PROGRAM ON EXTREMISM, <https://extremism.gwu.edu/sites/g/files/zaxdzs5746/files/2025-07/CCP%20Influence%20in%20US%20Pro-Palestinian%20Activism.pdf>.

<sup>17</sup> Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies, Renmin University of China, Experts (last visited Jan. 21, 2026), <http://rdcy.ruc.edu.cn/yw/EXPERTS/Experts2/index.htm>; Alexander Reid Ross and Courtney Dobson, *The Big Business of Uyghur Genocide Denial*, NEW LINES MAGAZINE (Jan. 18, 2022), <https://newlinesmag.com/reportage/the-big-business-of-uyghur-genocide-denial/>.

<sup>18</sup> Mauro Ramos, *Media organizations from Global South discuss solidarity and standing up to sanctions*, Peoples Dispatch (May 8, 2023), [peoplesdispatch.org/2023/05/08/media-organizations-from-across-the-world-discuss-solidarity-and-standing-up-to-sanctions](https://peoplesdispatch.org/2023/05/08/media-organizations-from-across-the-world-discuss-solidarity-and-standing-up-to-sanctions); Vijay Prashad, *Can the Global South Build a New World Information and Communication Order? The Twentieth Newsletter (2023)*, Tricontinental: Institute for Social Research (May 18, 2023), <https://thetricontinental.org/newsletterissue/new-world-information-and-communication-order/>.

<sup>19</sup> Mara Hvistendahl, David A. Fahrenthold, et. al., *A Global Web of Chinese Propaganda Leads to a U.S. Tech Mogul*, NEW YORK TIMES (Aug. 10, 2023), <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/08/05/world/europe/neville-roy-singham-china-propaganda.html>.

<sup>20</sup> East China Normal University, “传播学院-新闻详情,” (last modified May 9, 2023), <https://web.archive.org/web/20230509153442/http://www.comm.ecnu.edu.cn/htmlaction.do?method=toHtmlDetail&htmlId=1660&menuType=11>.

<sup>21</sup> Peoples Dispatch, *Why Xinjiang Is Emerging as the Epicenter of the US Cold War on China* (April 17, 2021), <https://peoplesdispatch.org/2021/04/17/why-xinjiang-is-emerging-as-the-epicenter-of-the-us-cold-war-on-china/>.

<sup>22</sup> Tricontinental: Institute for Social Research, Our Institutes, (last visited Jan. 21, 2026), <https://thetricontinental.org/institutes/>.

spread CCP propaganda, Maku and Tricontinental also have direct financial ties—in fiscal year 2024, Tricontinental paid Maku \$2,196,176 for “research, analysis, and translation services.”<sup>23</sup>

### **Concerning Ties to Neville Roy Singham**

More specifically, the Committee is concerned about your organization’s ties to Mr. Neville Roy Singham — a former U.S. tech mogul who now resides in Shanghai and is closely aligned with the CCP. Mr. Singham has a long history of questionable ties that have even attracted the attention of federal law enforcement.<sup>24</sup> According to a report by the Network Contagion Research Institute, in 1974, Mr. Singham was the subject of a Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”) investigation<sup>25</sup> regarding his ties to “groups engaged in activities inimical to U.S. [interests].”<sup>26</sup> Mr. Singham also worked as a consultant for Huawei, a Chinese multinational corporation and technology company, from 2001 to 2008.<sup>27</sup> Several reports<sup>28</sup> suggest that Huawei has deep ties to the CCP and in 2012, Huawei admitted to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence that the CCP maintains a Party Committee within their company.<sup>29</sup>

As you know, the *New York Times* reported that Mr. Singham shares office space in Shanghai with Maku Group.<sup>30</sup> The *New York Times* also said that Mr. Singham’s “ties to the propaganda machine date back at least to 2019, when, corporate documents show, he started a consulting business with Chinese partners.”<sup>31</sup> Additionally, in May 2023, Mr. Singham was pictured in attendance at the opening of a media institute in Shanghai where he sat next to Yu Yunquan, the then-President of a think tank subordinate to the China Foreign Languages

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<sup>23</sup> “Tricontinental Ltd, Fiscal Year 2024 Form 990 Filing”, Nonprofit Explorer (ProPublica), (last visited Jan. 21, 2026), <https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/822882135/202513209349301411/full>.

<sup>24</sup> See Exhibit 1 for the FBI’s report on their investigation into Mr. Singham.

<sup>25</sup> *Id.*

<sup>26</sup> Contagious Disruption: How CCP Influence and Radical Ideologies Threaten Critical Infrastructure and Campuses Across the United States, Network Contagion Research Institute (May 2024), [https://networkcontagion.us/wp-content/uploads/SID4P-Report\\_May-2024.pdf](https://networkcontagion.us/wp-content/uploads/SID4P-Report_May-2024.pdf).

<sup>27</sup> May 15: Mapping Roy Singham’s Pro-CCP Influence Network, TABLET MAGAZINE (May 15, 2024), <https://www.tabletmag.com/the-scroll/articles/may-15-mapping-roy-singhams-pro-ccp>.

<sup>28</sup> Counterintelligence Strategic Partnership Intelligence Note (SPIN), Federal Bureau of Investigation (Feb. 2015), <https://info.publicintelligence.net/FBI-Huawei.pdf>; Gordon Corera, Huawei: MPs claim ‘clear evidence of collusion’ with Chinese Communist Party, BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION (Oct. 7, 2020), <https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-54455112>; Charles Burton, Huawei’s Geostrategic Role, European Values Center for Security Policy (Nov. 2020), [https://www.europeanvalues.cz/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Huaweis\\_Geostrategic\\_Role.pdf](https://www.europeanvalues.cz/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Huaweis_Geostrategic_Role.pdf); Balding, Christopher, Huawei Technologies’ Links to Chinese State Security Services (July 5, 2019). Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3415726> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3415726>.

<sup>29</sup> Investigative Report on the U.S. National Security Issues Posed by Chinese Telecommunications Companies Huawei and ZTE, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (Oct. 8, 2012), [https://stacks.stanford.edu/file/druid:rm226yb7473/Huawei-ZTE%20Investigative%20Report%20\(FINAL\).pdf](https://stacks.stanford.edu/file/druid:rm226yb7473/Huawei-ZTE%20Investigative%20Report%20(FINAL).pdf).

<sup>30</sup> Mara Hvistendahl, David A. Fahrenthold, et. al., *A Global Web of Chinese Propaganda Leads to a U.S. Tech Mogul*, NEW YORK TIMES (Aug. 10, 2023), <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/08/05/world/europe/neville-roy-singham-china-propaganda.html>.

<sup>31</sup> *Id.*

Publishing Administration, which is a work unit of the CCP's Central Propaganda Department.<sup>32</sup> Furthermore, Mr. Singham also attended a CCP propaganda forum in July 2023 and attended a breakout session on how to promote the CCP abroad.<sup>33</sup>

Public reporting and internal financial data have linked your non-profit organization to Mr. Singham.<sup>34</sup> In 2019 alone, Tricontinental received \$700,000 from the United Community Fund, a 501(c)(4) tax-exempt foundation connected to Mr. Singham.<sup>35</sup> Tricontinental has also been partially funded by CODEPINK, an organization co-founded by Mr. Singham's wife, Jodie Evans.<sup>36</sup> Additionally, your organization received over \$12.5 million from a Donor-Advised Fund, funded in part by Mr. Singham.<sup>37</sup> Nate Singham, Mr. Singham's son, is a researcher for your organization.<sup>38</sup> Mr. Singham also chairs your International Advisory Board.<sup>39</sup>

Multiple reports have found that your organization is part of Mr. Singham's network of non-profit organizations that serve as his conduits to spread pro-CCP narratives.<sup>40</sup> This network includes Tricontinental—the organization you lead; the People's Forum—an activist organization led by one of Tricontinental's researchers; and several media organizations including BreakThrough News, where you appear regularly.<sup>41</sup> I have already written to The People's Forum following mounting evidence showing that it has acted as a foreign agent of the CCP and has received millions of dollars in funding from Mr. Singham, while enjoying the benefits of

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<sup>32</sup> Mara Hvistendahl, David A. Farenthold, et. al., *A Global Web of Chinese Propaganda Leads to a U.S. Tech Mogul*, NEW YORK TIMES (Aug. 10, 2023), <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/08/05/world/europe/neville-roy-singham-china-propaganda.html>; Leadership, China International Communications Group, *Leadership*, (last visited Jan. 21, 2026), [http://www.cicgcorp.com/node\\_1012193.html](http://www.cicgcorp.com/node_1012193.html); Devin Thorne, *I KEY FOR I LOCK: The Chinese Communist Party's Strategy for Targeted Propaganda*, Insikt Group, (Sept. 28, 2022), <https://go.recordedfuture.com/hubfs/reports/ta-2022-0928.pdf>.

<sup>33</sup> Mara Hvistendahl, David A. Farenthold, et. al., *A Global Web of Chinese Propaganda Leads to a U.S. Tech Mogul*, NEW YORK TIMES (Aug. 10, 2023), <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/08/05/world/europe/neville-roy-singham-china-propaganda.html>.

<sup>34</sup> Adrian Zenz, *The Big Business of Uyghur Genocide Denial*, NEW LINES MAGAZINE, (Jan. 18, 2022), <https://newlinesmag.com/reportage/the-big-business-of-uyghur-genocide-denial/>.

<sup>35</sup> Network Contagion Research Institute, *SID4P Report*, (May 2024), [https://networkcontagion.us/wp-content/uploads/SID4P-Report\\_May-2024.pdf](https://networkcontagion.us/wp-content/uploads/SID4P-Report_May-2024.pdf).

<sup>36</sup> *Id.*

<sup>37</sup> Joseph Simonson, *New York City Communists Pushing For a Gaza Ceasefire Took Millions From Goldman Sachs Charity*, THE WASHINGTON FREE BEACON (Nov. 21, 2023), [freebeacon.com/democrats/new-york-city-communists-pushing-for-a-gaza-ceasefire-took-millions-from-goldman-sachs](https://www.washingtonfreabeacon.com/democrats/new-york-city-communists-pushing-for-a-gaza-ceasefire-took-millions-from-goldman-sachs); See also, *Supra*, 1.

<sup>38</sup> Nate Singham, *Author Page*, Truthout, (last visited Jan. 21, 2026), <https://truthout.org/authors/nate-singham>.

<sup>39</sup> Institutes & Partners: Interregional, TRICONTINENTAL: Institute for Social Research. (last visited Jan. 21, 2025), <https://perma.cc/YP6U-N93W>.

<sup>40</sup> Mara Hvistendahl, David A. Farenthold, et. al., *A Global Web of Chinese Propaganda Leads to a U.S. Tech Mogul*, NEW YORK TIMES (Aug. 10, 2023), <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/08/05/world/europe/neville-roy-singham-china-propaganda.html>; Alexander Reid Ross and Courtney Dobson, *The Big Business of Uyghur Genocide Denial* New Lines Magazine (Jan. 18, 2022), <https://newlinesmag.com/reportage/the-big-business-of-uyghur-genocide-denial/>; Micah Reddy and Sam Sole, *Who Killed New Frame?*, AMABHUGANE (July 27, 2022), <https://amabhugane.org/220727-who-killed-new-frame/>.

<sup>41</sup> Breakthrough News, *Search Results for 'Vijay Prashad,'* (last visited Jan. 21, 2026), <https://breakthroughnews.org/?s=Vijay+Prashad>.

U.S. tax-exempt status.<sup>42</sup>

### **Participation in Mr. Singham's Influence Apparatus**

Furthermore, the Committee has discovered that Mr. Singham's business ties are far more entrenched in CCP-aligned networks than public reports have suggested. In addition to sharing office space with Mr. Singham, Maku Group also maintains direct connections to several of his current China ventures. One such venture, Gondwana Foods (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., lists Mr. Singham as its sole shareholder, Executive Director, and General Manager.<sup>43</sup> Several members of Gondwana's board of directors, including Xiong Jie, are connected to Shanghai Luoweixing Business Consulting Co., which is also fully owned by Mr. Singham.<sup>44</sup> Based on business records, Xiong Jie appears to be a central operator in Mr. Singham's broader influence apparatus, which includes his Maku group co-founders Zhou Yihua and Zhu Weiyan. Zhou Yihua is secretary of the Communist Party Branch at Shanghai Luoweixing Business Consulting Co., Ltd.<sup>45</sup> Zhu Weiyan serves as Deputy Secretary of the Student Party General Branch of the School of Clinical Medicine at Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine and is also Director of the Student Office of the Ninth People's Hospital.<sup>46</sup>

Together, Jie, Yihua, and Weiyan operate as a coordinated unit, executing a shared ideological and commercial mission. I find it most concerning that their reach extends into Mr. Singham's U.S. nonprofit activities. For example, at Tricontinental, where Mr. Singham chairs the International Advisory Board,<sup>47</sup> Jie and researcher Zhai Tingjun<sup>48, 49</sup> collaborate on what Tricontinental refers to as a "special project" called *Wenhua Zongheng*.<sup>50</sup> At the meeting formalizing Maku Group's partnership with East China Normal University, Jie, Yihua, Weiyan, and Tingjun openly declared their mission: "to spread China's voice to the world."<sup>51</sup> They

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<sup>42</sup> Letter from Jason Smith, Chairman, H. Comm. On Ways and Means, *Letter to Manolo De Los Santos*, (Sep. 4, 2025), <https://waysandmeans.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/9.4.25-The-Peoples-Forum-Letter.pdf>.

<sup>43</sup> Mr. Singham's business records are available with the Committee.

<sup>44</sup> *Id.*

<sup>45</sup> "The 'ice drinking water shop' has been launched in the residential area of the block building in this community, which sends coolness to the guardians of urban builders," People's Government of Huangpu District, Shanghai, (July 24, 2024), <https://www.shhuangpu.gov.cn/xw/001009/20240724/8cdf4255-9539-4886-9a42-5e7c74bfdbe8.html>

<sup>46</sup> 学生工作[Student Affairs], "医法交融, 脉动未来" 九院临床本长学生党支部与哲学与法政学院法学社党支部党建联建活动顺利举行 ["Integrating Medicine and Law, Pulsating Toward the Future" A Joint Party-Building Activity Successfully Held Between the Clinical Medicine Party Branch of the Ninth People's Hospital and the Law Society Party Branch of the School of Philosophy and Political Science], 上海华东大学哲学与法政学院 [Shanghai Normal University, College of Philosophy, Law & Political Science] (Sep. 25, 2024), <https://perma.cc/PZ73-ENGY>.

<sup>47</sup> Institutes & Partners: Interregional, TRICONTINENTAL: Institute for Social Research. (last visited Jan. 21, 2026), <https://perma.cc/YP6U-N93W>.

<sup>48</sup> Zhai Tingjun participated in the 2025 International Forum For Peace, where she praised China for "standing up to the U.S.' bullying tactics.

<sup>49</sup> *Supra*, note 46.

<sup>50</sup> *Id.*

<sup>51</sup> Mara Hvistendahl, David A. Fahrenthold, et. al., *A Global Web of Chinese Propaganda Leads to a U.S. Tech Mogul*, NEW YORK TIMES (Aug. 10, 2023), <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/08/05/world/europe/neville-roy-singham-china-propaganda.html>.

execute this mission through organizations like Dongsheng News, a newsletter created by Mr. Singham which promotes *Wenhua Zongheng*.<sup>52</sup> Jie, Yihua, Weiyan, and Tingjun appear to merge business, media, and research efforts to internationalize CCP narratives under the guise of independent scholarship and commerce.

*Wenhua Zongheng* operates under the supervisory control of the Association for Promotion of West China Research and Development, which appears to function as a state proxy for the National Ethnic Affairs Commission of the People's Republic of China.<sup>53</sup> The interlocking ownership and management roles across consulting, cultural, and tech firms point to a deliberate strategy to embed Chinese propaganda activities in ostensibly independent business ventures. The fact that Mr. Singham and his companies are structurally and physically embedded in the CCP network raises serious concerns and questions about whether Mr. Singham's U.S. ventures, including non-profits linked to him, such as yours, serve as foreign principals for CCP-aligned influence campaigns, all while being disguised as independent enterprise.

These connections are further exacerbated by data suggesting that the CCP has been trying to gain legitimacy through political spending in the U.S. for the last several years.<sup>54</sup> According to data from the DOJ's FARA database, China-based principals have spent over \$519 million on lobbying in the United States from 2005 to 2021.<sup>55</sup> Since 2019, China's spending on media-related services specifically has skyrocketed.<sup>56</sup> During this time, China-based principals have spent over \$100 million on media-related services—more than they spent on lobbying and legal expenses, public relations, economic promotion, and consulting combined.<sup>57</sup> This is concerning given that several of the groups in Mr. Singham's network, including the People's Dispatch, where your work appears regularly,<sup>58</sup> are media companies. The People's Forum, has continued to organize protests aligned with Chinese talking points in response to the Trump Administration's recent action against Nicolas Maduro, the former president of Venezuela, as well as recent protests turned violent in Minnesota.<sup>59</sup>

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<sup>52</sup> *Id.*; *Wenhua Zongheng*, Dongsheng International Group. LTD. (last visited Jan. 21, 2026), <https://perma.cc/PP24-2NXU>.

<sup>53</sup> 百度百科全 [Baidu Encyclopedia], “文化纵横” [“Beijing Cultural Review”], 百度 [Baidu] (last visited Jan. 21, 2026), <https://perma.cc/5PSH-7WWV>; 百度百科全 [Baidu Encyclopedia], “中国西部研究与发展促进会” [“The Association for promotion of West China Research and Development”], 百度 [Baidu] (last visited Jan. 21, 2026), <https://perma.cc/K4D2-NPUQ>; 百度百科全 [Baidu Encyclopedia], “中华人民共和国国家民族事务委员会” [“National Ethnic Affairs Commission of the People's Republic of China”], 百度 [Baidu] (last visited Jan. 21, 2026), <https://perma.cc/C22L-SZZG>.

<sup>54</sup> Foreign Agent Registration Act Database, United States Department of Justice (last visited Jan. 21, 2026), <https://efile.fara.gov/ords/fara/f?p=1235%3A10>

<sup>55</sup> See Exhibit 2 for a detailed breakdown of political spending by Chinese foreign principals from 2005 to 2021 by nature of services.

<sup>56</sup> See Exhibit 3 for a breakdown of media spending by Chinese foreign principals from 2021 to 2024.

<sup>57</sup> *Supra*, note 49.

<sup>58</sup> Peoples Dispatch, Search Results for ‘Vijay Prashad,’ (last visited Jan. 21, 2026), <https://peoplesdispatch.org/?s=vijay+prashad>.

<sup>59</sup> Isabel Vincent, *Far-left, China-aligned groups organized pro-Nicolas Maduro protests in New York and other US states: ‘Unprecedented crime’*, New York Post (Jan. 5, 2026), <https://nypost.com/2026/01/05/us-news/marxist-peoples-forum-organized-pro-maduro-protests/>; Preston Mizell, *CCP-connected millionaire allegedly bankrolls*

## **Conclusion**

The Committee has long been committed to ensuring that tax-exempt groups are operating within their tax-exempt purposes and are not acting to incite and support violence while serving foreign nations. Moreover, using the benefits derived from tax-exempt status to spread foreign propaganda while acting as a foreign agent is unacceptable and illegal.<sup>60</sup> Based on the facts specific to Tricontinental and its ties to Mr. Singham, the Committee is concerned that your organization is part of a larger multi-pronged effort from the CCP to sow discord in our country. The evidence presented in this letter makes it abundantly clear that Tricontinental has been funded and influenced by Mr. Singham's CCP affiliations. Tricontinental has received millions of dollars from organizations linked to Mr. Singham and his Chinese business partners while espousing CCP talking points. This fact pattern raises significant questions as to whether Tricontinental is both acting within its tax-exempt purpose or operating as a foreign agent. Due to these concerns and in furtherance of the Committee's oversight, please provide these documents to the Committee no later than February 23, 2026.

1. A comprehensive list of all the organizations that Tricontinental fiscally sponsors by providing fiduciary oversight, financial management, or other administrative services to. This list should include the names of the organizations, the years that you've acted as a fiscal sponsor for each, and the type of support that you've provided for each organization.
  - a. All contracts or other legal documents between Tricontinental and all the projects that Tricontinental has fiscally sponsored since 2017.
2. All documents and communications<sup>61</sup> between any member or employee of Tricontinental and Neville Roy Singham since 2017.
3. All documents and communications<sup>62</sup> between any member of Tricontinental and foreign principals since 2017 including:
  - a. a government of a foreign country and a foreign political party;
  - b. a person outside of the United States, unless it is established that such person is an individual and a citizen of and domiciled within the United States, or that such person is not an individual and is organized under or created by the laws of the United States or of any State or other place subject to the jurisdiction of the

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*Minneapolis agitator groups through dark money network*, Fox News (Jan. 30, 2026), <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/ccp-connected-millionaire-allegedly-bankrolls-minneapolis-agitator-groups-through-dark-money-network>.

<sup>60</sup> 22 U.S.C. § 611(c)(1).

<sup>61</sup> "Documents and communications" include all written, recorded, or graphic material of any kind, including letters, memoranda, reports, notes, electronic data, calendar entries, inter-office and intra-office communications, meeting minutes, phone/voice mail or recordings/records of verbal communications, and drafts (whether they resulted in final documents).

<sup>62</sup> *Id.*

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United States and has its principal place of business within the United States;

- c. and a partnership, association, corporation, organization, or other combination of persons organized under the laws of or having its principal place of business in a foreign country.
4. A list of individuals and organizations that have donated more than \$5,000 to Tricontinental since 2017.
5. A list of all Tricontinental's grant recipients located outside of the United States since 2017.

If you have any questions, please contact the Committee on Ways and Means Majority staff at (202) 225-3625. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



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Jason Smith  
Chairman  
Committee on Ways and Means

**Exhibit 1**

FD-376 (Rev. 10-9-73)  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 5, 1974

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: Neville Roy Singham

in Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

7.  Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph  has been furnished  enclosed  is not available

Very truly yours,  
*Clarence M. Kelley*  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of this letter 5/29/74

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b7c NEVILLE ROY SINGHAM was contacted by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] at his employment, the Chrysler Eldon Avenue Plant, for the purpose of interviewing him concerning his association with the [redacted]. After being advised of the identities of Special Agents IRVIN and WILMOT, and that he was being contacted concerning the [redacted], SINGHAM stated, "I don't want to talk to you," and walked away.

SINGHAM is described as follows:

Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Date of birth	May 13, 1954
Place of birth	Middletown, Connecticut
Height	5'10"
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Black - natural
Eyes	Brown
Address	14664 Luder Detroit, Michigan
Social Security Number	[redacted]
Employment	Department 83, Chrysler Eldon Avenue Arla Plant.



UAW Local 961 Shop Steward Conference Badge

Exhibit 2

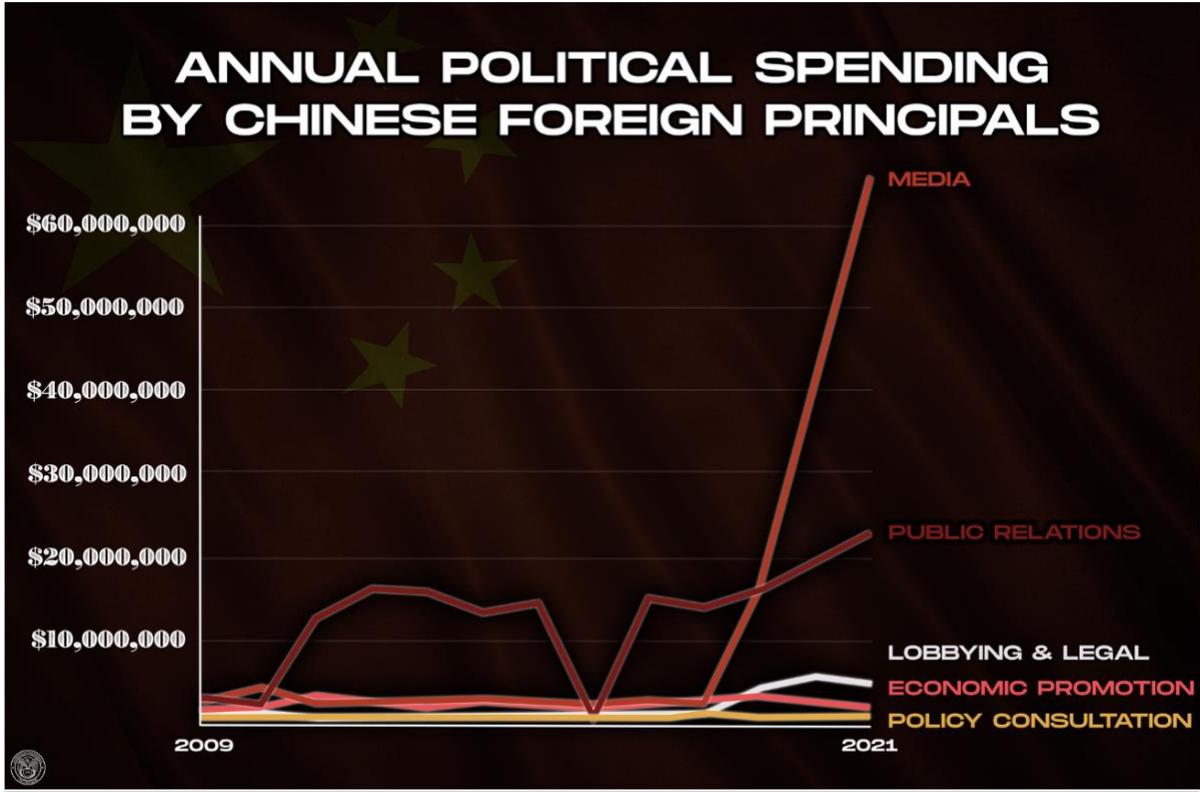
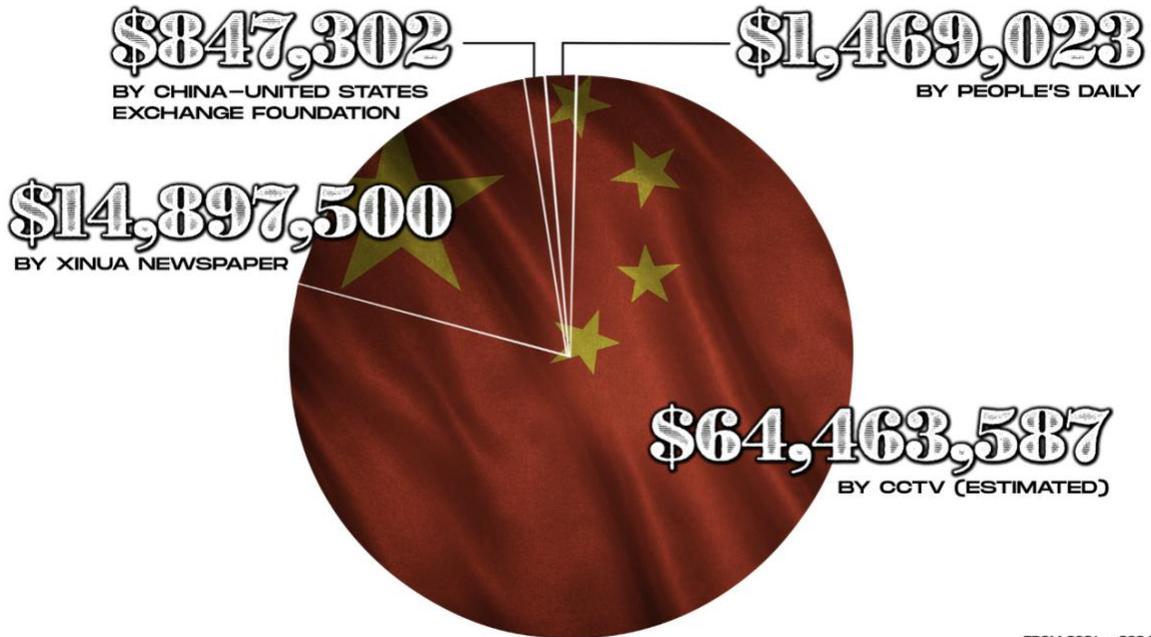


Exhibit 3

**CHINESE MEDIA SPENDING PRINCIPALS**



FROM 2021 - 2024