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FROM AN EXPEDITION SUPPORTED BY
MOUNT EVEREST FOUNDATION



MEF support for an expedition is offered on condition that you submit detailed reports to the Foundation. To assist in fulfilling the initial part of this commitment, it is requested that you fill in this form and return (with three photo-copies, which we will forward to the AC, the RGS and the BMC) to the MEF Hon Secretary within six weeks of return from the expedition. Please feel free to continue on additional sheets if necessary.

1 - Name of Expedition:..... CHINA CONNECTION '99

2 - MEF Reference:..99/48... 3 - Country/Area:.. CHINA

4 - Names of all expedition members, indicating leader, climbing and support members:

.. ANDY EAVIS, KATH JONES, STEVE JONES, GAVIN NEWMAN, KEVIN SENIOR ..
.. PETE HALL, STEPHEN CLARKSON, ADRIAN GREGORY, PAUL MACKRILL ..
.. DAVID CHECKLEY ..
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5 - Address and telephone number(s) of leader:

.. TIDESREACH, REDCLIFF ROAD, HESSLE, EAST YORKSHIRE HU13 OHA ..
.. 01482 648658 ..

6 - Objective(s) of expedition - mountaineering, scientific, medical; include location of objective (or study area) with indication of special points of interest (e.g. first ascent of NW Ridge) and heights of peaks:

.. CAVE EXPLORATION ..
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7 - Overall dates of expedition (e.g. March-June 1993) and if possible, details of dates spent on access, on the mountain and on return:

.. 22ND AUGUST TO 26TH SEPTEMBER 1999 ..
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8 - Brief comments about expedition, with technical details of route and maximum height reached:

Caving expedition to explore one of the most technically challenging underground rivers.
21 kilometres of cave are now explored.
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9 - Weather conditions, and if appropriate, reasons for retreat:

The incredibly challenging river passage is very dependent on rainfall conditions. Unfortunately when we were probably one day away from complete success it rained. This left 450 metres of unexplored cave in the middle of a 21 kilometre system!
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10 - Note of any accident to expedition members or to porters; also cases of serious illness, especially oedema - pulmonary or cerebral:

No accidents or incidents
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11 - Any other relevant comments (permit, LO etc):

This cave is not for the faint hearted. Several people struggled with the exposure. A combination of large entrance pitch, venomous snakes and long wild underground rivers unnerved some of the World's most experienced cave explorers.
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12 - Brief financial details, with income and expenditure:

Expenditure - Average personal travel costs £750 x 10 = £7,500	
Total Field Costs	£6,500
	£5,000
Miscellaneous	£2,000
TOTAL:	£21,000
Income: Personal contribution - £1,000 per person = £10,000	
Donations of equipment -	£3,000
Numerous Grants etc	£8,000
TOTAL:	£21,000

13 Approx date when Final Report will be submitted:.....
SUMMER 2000

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