WOIPFG Publishes Phone Investigation Records with NYU and Columbia University CSSA Officers

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Recently, WOIPFG has continuously published two investigative reports, providing proofs that under the control of the Chinese embassies and consulates, Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA) has become a tool of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) abroad, a tool of exporting CCP’s human right violation policy in particular. In our investigation, we specifically targeted CSSA presidents of New York University (NYU) and Columbia University (CU), as well as the consul from the Consulate-General of the People’s Republic of China in New York. Our findings were not included in the previous two reports. To help international community better understand how CCP controls and uses CSSA, we include in this report part of the transcribed conversation with some short comments.

Phone Record No. 1:
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Conversation between WOIPFG investigator A and Da Yao, consul in the Chinese Consulate-General in New York, covering New York City and Long Island (Yao Da is also one of the three CSSA Advisory Board members at the Columbia University)

This conversation demonstrated that the Chinese Consulate-General in New York was clearly behind the incident of NYUCCC’s opposing NTDTV International Chinese Classical Dance Competition, and was still organizing, planning and controlling CSSAs.

Consul: Good morning!

Investigator: Hi, Good morning! Is this the educational exchange affairs?

Consul: This is the Education Group in Chinese consulate.

Investigator: What’s your name?

Consul: My last name is Qiao.

Investigator: Hi, Mr. Qiao… I want to tell you something… It’s about the petition on Dance Competition. Now the pressure on Ke Xiao is really big. Whom should we consult? ...

Consul: OK, you can call this number: 8003.

Investigator: Who should I look for at 8003?

Consul: Look for Consul Da Yao.

Investigator: Oh, Consul Da Yao, 8003, Thanks!

Consul: OK.

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Investigator: I want to tell you something. Do you know Ke Xiao?

Yao: Ke Xiao?

Investigator: Yes. Now the pressure on him is quite big…. Can the consulate help him?
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Yao: Yes. We are doing it now. I think, eh, it’s better to mobilize other universities to disperse this thing. Look at the Columbia University [Translation note: he refers to Columbia University CSSA (CUCSSA)]. They seem to publish a …

Investigator: Which school did you say?

Yao: Columbia University

Investigator: Oh, Columbia University has already started.

Yao: Yes.

Investigator: … That means if not from New York, other states are also fine, right?

Yao: Sure. All are fine.

Investigator: Some students are not …. Is it OK those high school students get involved?

Yao: Don’t use individual name. Use Student Association’s name.

Phone Record No. 2:  
(Download record: [MP3])

Conversation between WOIPFG investigator B (Investigator for short below) and CUCSSA president Kai Xu (Xu for short below)

The conversation has shown that the articles, posted on CUCSSA website attacking Falun Gong and NTDTV International Chinese Classical Dance Competition (NTDTV’s Dance Competition for short below), came directly from and was approved by the Chinese Embassy in the US. However, the posting decision was made by the so-called CSSA “cabinet”, not the over 4000 Chinese students CUCSSA claims to represent. CUCSSA is not a non-profit organization registered with IRS.

Xu: Hello

INVESTIGATOR: Hi, hello, are you Kai Xu?

Xu: Yes. I am Kai Xu.

INVESTIGATOR: I want to talk to you, and Jian Zhang, and Wei Wei, to see what you guys in CUCSSA plan to do with the Dance Competition, your plan and what was going on.

Xu: May I ask where you are calling from? Can you please give us again your organization name, so I can write it down?

INVESTIGATOR: Sure. I am calling from “Zhui-chao-guo-ji”.

Xu: “Zhui-chao-guo-ji”.

INVESTIGATOR: Correct. I am calling from “Zhui-chao-guo-ji”.

Xu: Then what’s your English name?

INVESTIGATOR: Our full name is the “World Organization to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong”. In short, we investigate on all issues related to the persecution of Falun Gong. Headquartered in New York City (NYC), our mission is to investigate the criminal conduct of all institutions, organizations, and individuals involved in the persecution of Falun Gong.
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INVESTIGATOR: From the data we have, your action against NTDTV’s Dance Competition has been related to the persecution of Falun Gong already. What I ask you now is, from your posting slanderous articles about Falun Gong on your website to your campaign against NTDTV’s Dance Competition, is it your own action or the order from the Chinese consulate?

Xu: I don’t think I need to answer your questions. Because all the articles posted on cucssa.org represent the organizational decision of CUCSSA, not personal decision of Kai Xu, Jian Zhang or Wei Wei. It represents the opinion of 4000 Chinese under us.

INVESTIGATOR: Then let me ask you, you are one of the persons in charge of this organization. From what we learn so far, Kai Xu is the president of this organization, right?

Xu: Right, I am the president of this organization.

INVESTIGATOR: Now can you tell me, since these articles represent these many, as you said over 4000 students, before they were posted, through which channel did you consult with these students, or how did you get approval from them?

Xu: Well…, I was elected by the students. Then I formed a cabinet to execute the rights they granted me. Everything we posted on cucssa.org was decided after organizational discussion.

INVESTIGATOR: The discussion of the organization you referred to was the whole body of the 4000 students or the whole body of what you call the “cabinet”?

Xu: The whole body of the “cabinet”.

INVESTIGATOR: How many people are there in the “cabinet”? Who are they?

Xu: I don’t think I need to answer your question. I don’t need to tell you these details.

INVESTIGATOR: Then these articles you posted, we can see from the titles that they directly oppose, slander and attack a legal registered organization. My question to you is … I have copied down nine articles. I see they are still on your website now.

Xu: That’s right. I will keep them posted there. I won’t delete them. All are from the website of the Chinese Embassy in the US.

INVESTIGATOR: The articles are all from other website, from the Chinese Embassy in the US website, right?

Xu: That’s right. It’s written very clearly at the bottom there, if you understand English.

INVESTIGATOR: Yes, I can also see your web page, which is linked to the Chinese consulate in the US.

Xu: It’s the Embassy, not the Consulate General.

INVESTIGATOR: So the Chinese Embassy in New York.

Xu: It’s Chinese Embassy in the US. … And we also went through, and asked their opinion; they also agree we re-post their articles. …

INVESTIGATOR: You are a non-profit organization?
Xu: We are not a non-profit organization. We are group in the university. We don’t have any registered legal representative, nor do we have anything. We are a Columbia University recognized group. We are not an economic entity. We are only a student group.

INVESTIGATOR: Then you did not register.

Xu: No, we did not.

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INVESTIGATOR: Oh, what else?

Xu: Everybody has the right of self-expression.

INVESTIGATOR: But everybody doesn’t have the right to attack others.

Xu: I didn’t attack you, nor did I attack Falun Gong. Did I attack Falun Gong?

INVESTIGATOR: Since you said you didn’t attack Falun Gong, what’s the nature of those articles posted on your website?

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Phone Record No. 3:
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Conversation between WOIPFG investigator C and Yi Li, NYUCCC vice president and web master
This conversation reflected that even if NYUCCC did not take any action against the NTDTV International Chinese Classical Dance Competition, it is taking orders from the Chinese Consulate-General in New York.

INVESTIGATOR: Hello, May I speak to Yi Li?

Student: Yes, just a moment.

Li: Hello.

INVESTIGATOR: Hello, now the students want - some students have suggested to us, to stop the NTDTV’s Dance Competition. We want to hear your suggestion.

Li: Usually activities like this were organized locally. I’m no longer in the office, so I’m not familiar with the situation. How about this? Let me later call Teacher Yao in the Consulate and ask about his opinion. OK? We will see if they have any plan and let you know.

Phone Record No. 4:

The following conversations were between WOIPFG investigator C and the university lab where CUCSSA president Kai Xu, vice presidents Wei Wei and Jian Zhang work, as well as between the WOIPFG investigator and the advisor of Xu, Wei and Zhang (Professor for short below). Kai Xu, Wei Wei and Jian Zhang study in the same lab. The person who answered the call for the lab insisted that he is not Chinese and doesn’t speak Chinese. He said that Xu, Wei and Zhang had all graduated already and didn’t come to the lab anymore. Yet, their professor confirmed that all of his three students are still studying with him. They are all his Chinese students in the lab, so the person who answered the lab phone should be a Chinese.

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1. Conversation between investigator C and the lab where Xu, Wei and Zhang work

Student: Sorry, there are no people here now.
INVESTIGATOR: Can you speak Chinese?

Student: No.

INVESTIGATOR: You cannot speak Chinese?

Student: No.

2. Conversation between investigator C and the office of Xu, Wei and Zhang’s research supervisor

INVESTIGATOR: Hello.
Professor: Yes, hi.

INVESTIGATOR: Do you have Chinese students here?

Professor: Yes, I have. Can you call 212-854-7715?

INVESTIGATOR: You mean the Chinese students there?

Professor: My students, I have three students from China and they speak Chinese. You can speak to them.

INVESTIGATOR: OK. My question is: are you very sure that 212-854-7715, you know, this is means Chinese students phone number?

Professor: This is the phone number for my lab.

INVESTIGATOR: Yea, for your lab.

Professor: My PhD students are all from China.

INVESTIGATOR: Oh.

Professor: So they can speak in Chinese.

INVESTIGATOR: You mean if I call this number, 7715, Chinese students will pick up the phone, right?

Professor: Yes.

INVESTIGATOR: Are you very sure?

Professor: Yes.

3. Conversation between investigator C and the office of Xu, Wei and Zhang’s research supervisor

INVESTIGATOR: Hi, hello.
Professor: Yes?

INVESTIGATOR: I just called this number, 7715. So I want to talk to Kai Xu, Wei Wei and Jian Zhang. So they are all in this office?
Professor: Yes. You talk to Jian Zhang, Kai Xu and Wei Wei, right?

INVESTIGATOR: Yea, yea, yea. You mean only these three Chinese students?
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Professor: That doesn’t make sense, because they still in my lab here, and haven’t graduated yet. Did you call 212-854-7715?

INVESTIGATOR: Yes, correct. I believe they are Chinese.

Professor: They are Chinese.

6. Conversation between investigator C and the lab where Xu, Wei and Zhang work

INVESTIGATOR: Ah, so may I speak to Wei Wei?

Student: Oh. He is not here. He graduated actually.

INVESTIGATOR: Ah. You speak Chinese?

Student: No. I don’t. Sorry.

INVESTIGATOR: So I just talked to Li Yi in New York University about the world dance competition. You know, from New Tang Dynasty, Xin Tang Ren.

Student: I am not interested.

INVESTIGATOR: So, but he said Wei Wei are not graduated yet.

Student: Actually I told you yesterday, all of the three Chinese students have graduated already from our lab. If you keep calling, I will call 911 and let you know. OK?

Phone Record No. 5:

Conversation between WOIPFG investigator B and NYUCCC vice president and web master Yi Li

This conversation showed that Yi Li was very afraid of being investigated on the issue of preventing the NTDTV’s Dance Competition.

Li: Hello

INVESTIGATOR: Are you Yi Li?

Li: Hi, How are you? It’s me.

INVESTIGATOR: How are you? This is the investigation call from WOIPFG.

Li: I’ll talk to you later. Bye

(Li hung up the when the investigator called again. Next time when the investigator called, Li didn’t pick up the phone.)