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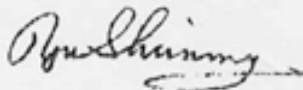
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Mr. Tony Gittens
Director
The Tenth Annual Washington, DC
International Film Festival
800 Mount Vernon Plaza, N.W.
Suite 210
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Dear Mr. Gittens,

I am writing to you in regard to an entry in Filmfest DC '96, namely the Gate of Heavenly Peace. As is well known, a very small number of people engaged themselves in anti-governmental violence in Beijing in June 1989 but failed. The film the Gate of Heavenly Peace sings praise of these people in total disregard of the facts. If this film is shown during the festival, it will mislead the audience and hurt the feelings of 1.2 billion Chinese people. And it will not serve the purpose of your festival of "presenting the best in world cinema". Therefore, it is necessary and appropriate to withdraw this film from the festival.

Sincerely,



Yu Shuning
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