

US-CHINA RELATIONSHIP, THEN AND NOW

- **My mission in '92 at request of Pres. Bush to remove the ban on ministerial contact.** Gave green light to American companies who want to explore business opportunities in China. Trade and investment took off and today the economic ties are the very foundation of the US-China relationship.
- After that MFN debates and then accession to WTO in 2001
- Post WTO – began new dialogues. First Economic (started by Paulson in Bush) and then added Strategic (Obama). S&E D. Other dialogues, too – now at least more than 50. JCCT continues, was started in 1985.
 - Also over the years, at times other disputes caused problems for the economic relationship, e.g. Bombing of embassy in Belgrade by accident.
- **The rise of Xi Jinping**, a new era characterized by a reform agenda on the one hand and a cracking down on corruption and dissent on the other through the anti—corruption campaign and just plain cracking down. A revert to some Mao thinking and tactics. But I believe he is still popular with the masses.
 - Where does this go? After the Party Congress in 2017, he will put more of his people into key roles and will increase his control. He is not making

