- 30. On November 30, 2022, CHEN sent the same biography SUN had sent him regarding Individual 1 and his/her election victory to PRC Government Official 2, who responded, "Ok"."6
- 31. On December 1, 2022, CHEN sent Individual 1's biography and a report of his/her election victory to another PRC government official, listed in CHEN's contacts as "Z," who responded " " Two days later CHEN had an eight-minute call with Z.7 On December 1, 2022, CHEN sent another 2-paragraph short biography of Individual 1, and the fact of his/her election victory, to PRC Government Official 2, who responded:

## 5. CHEN Plans a "Core Member Meeting"

- 32. On December 3, 2022, CHEN wrote to SUN and said he wanted to treat SUN and another individual to a meal. CHEN first asked SUN to reserve a room at a named restaurant in Rowland Heights, then later confirmed that he had reserved a table for 10-14 people at the restaurant for December 7 at noon, saying he would bring one person.
- 33. On December 4, 2022, CHEN wrote to SUN: "You should invite [Individual 1], rare opportunity." On December 5, 2022, CHEN wrote to SUN again: "[L.X.] asked me to notify you and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Based on my discussions with the FBI linguist, I understand this emoji to mean "thank you."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Z is the same PRC government official who directed the IRS scheme that led to CHEN's indictment and conviction in the Southern District of New York on charges of acting as an illegal agent of a foreign government in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 951.

[Individual 1], please confirm." SUN responded: "I can attend, [Individual 1] is busy, won't attend." CHEN responded: "Ok."

34. Also on December 4, 2022, the following exchange took place between CHEN and PRC Government Official 2:

CHEN: There will be a core member meeting on the  $7^{\text{th}}$ .



PRC 2:

- 6. CHEN Informs PRC Government Official 2 that Individual 1 and SUN are Part of a "Team Dedicated For Us"
- 35. On December 8, 2022, the following exchange took place between CHEN and PRC Government Official 2:

CHEN: Meeting successful, everyone agree to establish US-China Friendship Promotion Association. President [Z.D.], legal counsel [B.L.], secretary general [L.X.], political commentators [G.J., L.D.], Chinese elected official [Individual 1], vice president SUN Yaoning, etc.

PRC 2: Copy, congratulations!

CHEN: This is the basic team dedicated for us.

PRC 2: Understood, can't wait.

- 36. On January 1, 2023, CHEN forwarded news about Individual 1 to PRC Government Official 2, and wrote that "Mr. SUN has been my helping hand in the Chinese community since 1997."
- 37. On January 2, 2023, the following exchange took place between CHEN and PRC Government Official 2:

CHEN: I told Individual 1, will support [him/her] to do [his/her] job as Chinese American elected official well, go against Taiwanese independence . . . will