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Response from an ABC spokesperson:

Bringing the best coverage of China and its people to our audiences is very important. We have maintained an office in Beijing and are working to return a correspondent there. Our other correspondents in the region are currently based in Bangkok, Tokyo, Taipei and Jakarta. Any meetings with Chinese government representatives have been respectful and allowed for a courteous exchange of perspectives. The ABC appreciates China's consideration of the ABC's request to return a reporter to China.

The video footage of the handshake was provided by the pool camera. The pool stills photographer was not allowed in and subsequently the image was supplied by the PMO.