Can publicity help the plight of overseas Chinese detained on the mainland? Jerome Cohen believes it probably can't.

Mark Clifford's examination of China's financial development, particularly with respect to the renminbi, and his expectation that the US will take longer to embrace that currency as an option for international transactions is a useful contribution to the discussion of China's role in the world and its prospects for leadership in the future. Clifford has written a timely article, e-mail it to

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The US is showing signs of weakness... but no one is stepping forward to be a co-Godfather

Tony Blair's American visit did not exactly live up to expectations. One can ask China to slow its development, and the proviso has long enjoyed, justifiably or not. Yet, when addressing the world's economic, strategic and other issues. Arguably, the Xinhua commentary on global concern. In spirit, these words sounded like the opposite of recognisable impact on our national interest, not some nebulous will only warrant our attention if and when they have a that the bilateral trade volume between China and the US had

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Unwanted role

Academics like to make the obvious sound formidable and express different phrases when a simple word or phrase is used. This is especially true in the field of international relations. The US’s role, in this regard, is an unwanted role. China is often referred to as a hegemon or a superpower. The US is often referred to as a spectator or a bystander. But these labels do not capture the complexity of their relationship. The US’s role in the world is not entirely negative, but it is certainly not positive.

The US is playing an important role in the world, especially in the area of security and defense. It is involved in numerous international conflicts and is often accused of using its power to advance its own interests. However, the US also plays a role in promoting peace and stability, and it is a key player in many international organizations. The US is also a major player in the global economy, and it has a significant influence on the prices of oil and other commodities. The US’s role in the world is complex, and it is difficult to determine whether it is positive or negative. It is clear, however, that the US is a major player in the world, and its actions have a significant impact on the world’s affairs.

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