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The Chinese AIDS Doctor

To the Editor:

Re "China Covers Up AIDS Doctor's Detention" and "China Relents, Allowing AIDS Doctor to Visit U.S." (news articles, Feb. 16 and 17):

Dr. Gao Yaojie has long worked for H.I.V./AIDS prevention, treatment and assistance in China. Her services and achievements have won full acknowledgment from the Chinese government and people.

The allegation that Dr. Gao was "under house arrest" is totally irresponsible. As for Dr. Gao coming to the United States to accept the relevant award, the Chinese government fully respects her personal will.

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Washington, Feb. 20, 2007