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WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Barack Obama underscored the importance of protecting human rights for Tibetans in China during a meeting with exiled Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama Saturday, the White House said.

Obama also reiterated the U.S. policy that Tibet is a part of China, the White House said in a statement.

"The president stressed that he encourages direct dialogue to resolve long-standing differences and that a dialogue that produces results would be positive for China and Tibetans," the White House said.

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