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Dear Wenzhi,

This letter is a test of Poor Man's Chinese. PMC is a rudimentary set of TEX macros and fonts for Chinese characters. Once I have installed PMC, you will be able to put lines such as `\input pmCs` and `\beginchinese` near the beginning of your document. Then TEX will be able to process GB-coded Chinese characters. You can also use `\bigCtrue` to give your Chinese characters an extra magstep 2 magnification.

In order to use PMC, you will need a way to input GB-coded Chinese characters into your TeX documents. For this purpose, you can use Chinese vi within a Chinese Xterm window. If you would like more information about this, please ask me.

In case you are wondering, GB stands for Guo2-Biao1 (国标), the standard system of Chinese character codes used in the People's Republic. Each Chinese character is represented by two 8-bit bytes, each of which has its high bit set to 1. For the immediate future, PMC will support only GB and simplified characters. Later, if I obtain suitable fonts, I will try to support BIG-5 and traditional characters. BIG-5 is the character code system used in Taiwan and Hongkong.

Here is a Tang Dynasty poem for you to read.

古原草　白居易

离离原上草　一岁一枯荣
野火烧不尽　春风吹又生

远芳侵古道　青翠接荒城
又送王孙去　凄凄满别情

I hope you find this interesting.

Sincerely,

Stephen G. Simpson