

PRIME MINISTER

Call by Sir Hugh Cortazzi (Ambassador to Tokyo)

You wanted to see him to discuss your visit to Japan.

I attach a copy of the programme. We have now reached the point where we need to fix the details of the programme with the Japanese Government. It would therefore be very helpful if you could indicate at your meeting with Hugh Cortazzi whether you agree with it.

You asked earlier whether the visit to China was long enough, commenting that it looked less long than that to Japan. I attach a programme for the visit to China. It is a little shorter than the Japanese one but that is largely because the latter gives you a good deal of time on the first day to recover from the long flight and because we then have a weekend to fill in before talks with the Japanese Government are possible. I think your visit to China is quite long enough, given that they are most unlikely to be ready to enter into detailed talks about Hong Kong while you are there.

A.S.C.

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