

MISS STEPHENS

I had a meeting with Jack Cator and Alfred Sherman this morning.

Their joint recommendation is that the following three Chinese should be invited to the meeting with the Prime Minister on Tuesday 14 September at 6.15 pm, at which Sir Jack Cator, Mr. Swire, Mr. Newbigging and Mr. Keswick are to be present:-

- (a) Mr. Q.W. Lee (General Manager of the Hang Seng Bank).
- (b) Miss Christine Loh (Chairman of the Hong Kong Observers).
- (c) Mrs. Helen Yu (Assistant Commissioner in the Hong Kong Government office in London).

Alfred was not certain whether he had the Prime Minister's authority to invite these three people to the meeting or not. I stress that the three are recommended jointly by Alfred and Sir Jack. In view of Alfred's uncertainty, we must ask the Prime Minister.

Alfred is about to leave for Brighton. If the Prime Minister would like these people invited, would you be kind enough, please, to let Sir Jack Cator know. His office number is 499-9821. His home number is 222-0635.

IAN GOW

3 September 1982

1. Ian Gow

We have arranged for the PM to see Keswick and Newbigging, with Swire of the Hong Kong Association, on 14 September.

Robin Butler

2. Treasurer ~~Duty~~ Clark

We should make sure that the PM has the papers at XI again in advance of this meeting.

DAVID NEWBIGGING AND HENRY KESWICK - HONG KONG

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26.8.

1. You will remember that the Prime Minister mentioned these two people to us at our meeting with her on 24th August.
2. I have sent to John Coles already, copies of my correspondence with Henry Keswick and of my note to the Prime Minister dated 17th August.
3. Herewith copies of the Prime Minister's manuscript comments relating to both people.
4. I think that you were going to have a word with the Foreign Office as to whether there would be any objection to the Prime Minister seeing Henry Keswick and David Newbigging together before she leaves for the Far East.
5. Paul Bryan is going to telephone me on the evening of 31st August in order to find out whether the Prime Minister would like to see David Newbigging who, as you will remember, will not be arriving in London until 6th September.
6. Could you therefore please let me know, before Tuesday evening, whether it is agreed that Mr Newbigging should see the Prime Minister. We ought to go through Paul Bryan about this.

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IAN GOW

26.8.82

Prime Minister

MR DAVID NEWBIGGING - CHAIRMAN OF
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO LTD, HONG KONG

1. Paul Bryan has sent on to me the attached letter dated 4th August, which he has received from the Chairman of Jardine, Matheson & Co Ltd.
2. As you may know, Mr Newbigging is a member of the Legislative and Executive Councils in Hong Kong.
3. He is going to be in London for two weeks from 6th September. He asks whether he could see you or "somebody very close to you".
4. I have told Paul that I will let him know what response to give to this request.

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J. N. is
member of
Legis. &
Exec. C.
in Hong
Kong.
Mr.
N.B.

17.8.82

IAN GOW

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19th August 1982

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I am writing, on the Prime Minister's behalf, to thank you very much for your letter of 17th August, with which you enclosed a paper of the same date, which you had prepared in view of the Prime Minister's forthcoming visit to China and Hong Kong.

I will show your letter and its enclosures to the Prime Minister on her return to London on Sunday.

She will, I know, be most grateful to you for having taken the trouble to prepare this most helpful paper.

With best wishes.

IAN GOW

Henry Keswick Esq

cc. John Cotes.

Copied to J.C. 25/8/82
with PM's ussco

*I am - I read this
after Paul Bygones letter.
In addition to the private
I am sure I should
try to see Henry Keswick
and someone from Harcourt
Charles (I don't think it
can be Tony while the
Franks enquiry is on).
We will take it up with
John Cotes as soon
as he returns
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