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PRIME MINISTER

I have had a call from Sir Y.K. Pao's secretary asking if he might travel with us on the VC10 from Shanghai to Hong Kong. I told his secretary that the flight was full, and that this would ~~not~~ be ~~possible~~ difficult.

I think it could lead to all sorts of embarrassing questions, and may I now go back to his secretary to say that it definitely will not be possible?

CAROLINE STEPHENS

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