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INFO PRIORITY F C O

MY TELNO 469 AND YOUR TELNO 90: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. PREMIER ZHAO ZIYANG'S REMARKS TO HONG KONG REPORTERS THIS

MORNING ARE ~~FIVE~~ <sup>FRONT</sup> PAGE NEWS IN ALL AFTERNOON PAPERS. THE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE "THE STAR" HAS A BANNER HEADLINE

"WE'LL TAKE BACK HONG KONG". THE (COMMUNIST) XIN

WAN BAO (NEW EVENING POST)'S HEADLINE IS "ZHAO ZIYANG TODAY

TELLS REPORTERS CHINA WILL TAKE BACK HONG KONG SOVEREIGNTY". THE REMARK ON SOVEREIGNTY IS ALSO HIGHLIGHTED BY OTHER PAPERS, THOUGH SOME PLACE MORE EMPHASIS ON THE ASSURANCE THAT CHINA WILL

ADOPT MEASURES WHICH WILL GUARANTEE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY.

2. THE AGREED PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED AFTER THIS MORNING'S TALKS

(SECOND TUR) WAS TOO LATE FOR AFTERNOON EDITIONS.

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