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NOTE FOR THE RECORD

The Prime Minister called on Vice Chairman Deng Yingchao at 1000 a.m. on 24 September at the Great Hall of the People. The meeting was essentially taken up with courtesies. The only points of substance were as follows.

The Prime Minister said that she had been impressed by the music she had heard at the Peking Conservatoire the previous day. She hoped that we might be able to hear some of these talented young people perform in London. Madame Deng asked the Chinese Ambassador to London to see what we could do to promote this.

The Prime Minister said that she was very happy to see that the policies of Premier Zhou Enlai were now being followed in China. Madame Deng said that they were not only the policies of Zhou, but also those of Mao and other past and present leaders of the Communist Party. These policies had been disrupted by the Gang of Four and were now being restored. Present policies were therefore a continuation of previous policies, with a few changes to accommodate the times.

Madame Deng asked how the Prime Minister felt about the two sessions of talks she had held with Premier Zhao. The Prime Minister replied that they had been friendly. She felt that they had got on well together. This mattered, because a good personal relationship would assist in a happy outcome to the talks. We held many views in common.

At a later point the Prime Minister said that Premier Zhao had been very interested in seeing more Chinese students coming to Britain for study. She would pursue this. She would also look into the possibility of providing more English language training in China, and more technical training. She added that many thousands of tourists wished to come to China. The Chinese Ambassador said that about 30,000 British tourists visited China every year. The Prime Minister supposed that the numbers were limited by the number of hotels available. The Chinese Ambassador felt that it was more a question of the distance.

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Finally Madame Deng said that she hoped that the Prime Minister's visit would enable some important questions to be solved satisfactorily. She wished the Prime Minister every success in this. The Prime Minister said that we were working hard to solve such questions, and she believed that we could do so.

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