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*Dear Mr Coles*

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO HONG KONG: CASTLE PEAK

On 29 July you sent John Rhodes at the Department of Trade a letter to the Prime Minister from Mr Gavin Laird, General Secretary Elect of the AUEW, in which he suggests that the Prime Minister might visit the Castle Peak power station while she is in Hong Kong.

I now attach a draft reply and I am sorry for the delay in replying. I understand that, although a formal announcement of the Prime Minister's visit has not yet been made, her visit to Hong Kong is public knowledge and the Foreign Office has no objection to a reference to it in the correspondence.

I am copying this to Francis Richards (FCO), John Rhodes (Trade) and Barnaby Shaw (Employment).

*Yours sincerely*

MRS E A RILEY  
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*Fidd Castle Peak: Hong Kong*

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 27 July, in which you suggest that she might visit the Castle Peak power station when she is in Hong Kong.

I am pleased to be able to tell you that the Prime Minister has accepted an invitation from Lord Kadoorie, Chairman of China Light and Power Company Ltd., to perform the opening ceremony for the power station on 28 September. A formal announcement will be made shortly.

The Prime Minister has accepted the invitation because, like you, she considers that the success of this project reflects very favourably upon the hard work of all concerned including the British Companies involved and the China Light and Power Company itself.

TIMOTHY FLESHER

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