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THE PRIME MINISTER

10 September 1982

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Thank you again for your suggestions and for sending a copy of the Hong Kong Prospect Institute's interesting document. It is helpful to have ideas on this tricky subject from as wide a range of people as possible - especially from you

with your own personal experience. I will of course consider the views of Hong Kong both to the Chinese people and to British administration. Dr. Jeremy Bray, M.P. - a uniquely successful combination

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher R



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

9 September 1982

*Please type letter.**A.J.C. 9/9.**Dear John,*

Letter of 31 August 1982 from Dr Jeremy Bray MP to the Prime Minister

Thank you for your letter of 6 September enclosing a letter from Dr Bray about the future of Hong Kong. I enclose a draft reply.

Copies of the document produced by the Hong Kong Prospect Institute, referred to in paragraph 2 of Dr Bray's letter, have been sent to, among others, the Prime Minister and Mr Pym. These have already been acknowledged separately.

Yours ever
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