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attached note and timetable*

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Mr. Butler

Would you like to send this?

Dear John,

A.J.C. 14/10.

Thank you for your letter of 7 October about briefing on Hong Kong for TRH Princess Margaret and Princess Anne. I attach a draft letter to Robert Fellowes together with some appropriate material.

Yours ever

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.....In Confidence

CAVEAT.....

As promised, I enclose some briefing material on the Prime Minister's visit to Hong Kong in connection with Major General Chapple's call on ^{Her Royal Highness} ~~THE~~ Princess Margaret and Princess Anne on 18 October.

Enclosures—flag(s).....

FUTURE OF HONG KONG : THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISITS TO CHINA AND
HONG KONG, SEPTEMBER 1982

1. The Prime Minister visited China from 22 to 26 September and Hong Kong from 26 to 28 September.
2. Her visit to China, the first ever by a British Prime Minister in office, provided an opportunity to hold talks with Chinese leaders on a number of world as well as bilateral issues.
3. One of the subjects discussed was Hong Kong. The following statement was issued after a meeting between the Prime Minister and Chairman Deng Xiaoping:

'Today the leaders of both countries held far-reaching talks in a friendly atmosphere on the future of Hong Kong. Both leaders made clear their respective positions on this subject.

They agreed to enter into talks through diplomatic channels following the visit with a common aim of maintaining the stability and prosperity of Hong Kong'.
4. In subsequent Press Conferences and interviews, both in Peking and in Hong Kong, the Prime Minister made it clear that:
 - (a) these talks will be confidential;
 - (b) Britain takes its responsibility for the people of Hong Kong very seriously;
 - (c) the views of the people of Hong Kong will be taken into account.

5. Meetings in Peking to follow up the Prime Minister's visit have begun through diplomatic channels. As was made clear by the Prime Minister in her press conferences in Peking and Hong Kong, the content of these talks must remain confidential. No timetable for these talks has been set. The extent and level of Hong Kong's participation on the British side will be decided in accordance with the requirements of the talks. The Governor of Hong Kong will be consulted throughout and will participate as and when necessary.

6. A copy of the Prime Minister's programme and of her

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statement to her press conference is attached.

THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME (All timings approximate)

SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

12.25 Arrive Hong Kong Airport
 12.45 Arrive Government House
 13.30 Private lunch at Government House
~~15.00 - 16.30 Private Engagement~~
 17.00 - 18.30 Discussions with Governor and Officials
 20.15 Dinner at Government House for 40 people

MONDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

~~08.00 Private Engagement~~
 09.40 Depart Government House for UMELCO Office
 09.45 Meeting with UMELCO (Unofficial Members of Executive and Legislative Councils)
 11.00 Leave UMELCO for HQ British Forces
 11.05 Meet Army, Navy and Hong Kong Chinese seamen, personnel and families
 11.30 By Wessex Helicopter to Stanley
 11.40 Meet personnel and families of 1st Scots Guards
 12.15 By Wessex to HQ British Forces
 12.25 Arrive HQBF. Car to Government House
~~12.30 Arrive Government House~~
 12.55 Depart Government House for Mandarin Hotel
 13.00 Lunch with businessmen - speech

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14.25 Depart Mandarin Hotel
~~14.30 Arrive Government House~~
 15.30 Meet Urban Council Delegation at Government House
 15.55 Leave Government House for Government Secretariat
 16.00 Press Conference
 16.30 (approx) Return Government House
 18.00 Reception at Government House for 400 people
 20.10 Leave Government House for UMELCO
 20.15 Dinner with UMELCO
 23.00 (approx) Return Government House

TUESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

~~08.00 Private Engagement~~
 11.10 Depart Government House by car. Helicopter to Castle Peak
 11.30 Arrive Castle Peak power station. Tour and declare open. Meet the press briefly. Lunch
 14.30 Leave Castle Peak by helicopter
 14.40 Arrive container terminal. Tour of Modern Terminals Ltd
 15.00 Leave container terminal by helicopter
 15.10 Arrive Shek Wai Kok housing estate. Tour
 15.50 Depart housing estate for Mass Transit Railway
 15.55 Arrive station. Meet Chairman of railway and view station development

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16.05 Board Mass Transit Railway, reserved carriage. Selected journalists and Chairman of Mass Transit Railway to accompany

16.40 Arrive Government House

17.30 Round up meeting with Governor and senior officials

19.00 Farewell drinks for 30 minutes with press and others at Government House

20.00 Private supper at Government House

21.00 Leave Government House for airport

21.30 Depart for ^{India.} ~~UK~~



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From the Private Secretary

7 October, 1982

Robert Fellowes rang me today to say that Princess Margaret and Princess Anne are receiving on 18 October Major General Chapple, the present Commander of the British Forces in Hong Kong. They have asked whether they could be briefed on the Prime Minister's visit to Hong Kong.

B/R | I told Robert Fellowes that we would, of course, provide a brief, though he would understand that it would not be possible to go into much detail about the Prime Minister's talks on the future of Hong Kong. He entirely accepted this. Could you kindly let me have a brief, for onward transmission, to the Palace, by 14 October.

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