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TELEGRAM NUMBER 6 OF 10 NOVEMBER

INFO PRIORITY VANCOUVER (PERSONAL FOR CONSUL GENERAL)

INFO ROUTINE FCO

PERSONAL FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER FROM GOVERNOR.

1. IN THE NEW SITUATION CREATED BY THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO CHINA, AND THE AGREEMENT REACHED WITH THE CHINESE THAT THERE SHOULD BE TALKS ABOUT THE FUTURE, WE NEED TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH OPINION AMONG HONG KONG CHINESE COMMUNITIES OVERSEAS. THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE HERE OF ANXIETIES AND SPECULATIVE STORIES BEING PASSED BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE COMMUNITIES OVERSEAS WHICH ARE DETRIMENTAL TO CONFIDENCE. GRAHAM BARNES, A SENIOR HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICER WHO IS CURRENTLY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WILL BE VISITING THE WEST COAST OF THE US ON LEAVE LATER THIS MONTH AND COULD ARRANGE TO BE IN VANCOUVER ON 29 AND 30 NOVEMBER. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE CONSUL-GENERAL TO ARRANGE FOR HIM TO MEET LEADERS OF THE HONG KONG CHINESE COMMUNITY THERE, PREFERABLE OVER ONE OR MORE MEALS? WE WOULD NOT, OF COURSE, EXPECT THE CONSUL-GENERAL TO ACT AS HOST ON THESE OCCASIONS BUT BARNES WOULD NEED HIS HELP IN IDENTIFYING THE PEOPLE TO ASK AND MAKING THE ARRANGEMENTS.

2. AS TRAVEL BOOKINGS WILL NEED TO BE MADE VERY SOON GRATEFUL FOR AN EARLY REPLY.

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