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TO ROUTINE FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 1315 OF 13 NOVEMBER
INFO ROUTINE PEKING (PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR)

FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

1. A SERIES OF DELEGATIONS FROM LOCAL CHINESE ORGANISATIONS WILL BE VISITING PEKING AND SHANGHAI IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS TO TALK ABOUT THE FUTURE. THE MAIN ONES WE KNOW OF (THERE WILL BE OTHERS) ARE:
 - (A) HEUNG YI KUK MEMBERS, WHO ARE LIKELY TO GO IN EARLY DECEMBER.
 - (B) REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION LEAD BY HENRY FOK (TIMING NOT YET CLEAR).
 - (C) MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG FACTORY OWNERS ASSOCIATION WHO WILL BE LEAVING ON 17 NOVEMBER.
 - (D) A GROUP OF ABOUT PROMINENT LOCAL CHINESE WHO HAVE BEEN INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A SEMINAR ON JOINT VENTURE INVESTMENT BEING HELD IN SHANGHAI FROM 24 - 26 NOVEMBER IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SHANGHAI INVESTMENT CORPORATION. THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN INVITED APPARENTLY INCLUDE LI KA SHING, DEACON CHIU AND R C LEE.

2. WE HAVE INCLUDED THE GROUP IN (D) ABOVE IN THE LIST BECAUSE THEY ARE LIKELY TO MEET THE MAYOR OF SHANGHAI. FRANCIS TIEN HAS TOLD ME THAT HE WILL BE GOING TO SHANGHAI PARTLY TO TAKE PART IN THE SEMINAR, PARTLY TO ATTEND THE OPENING OF A NEW HOTEL IN WHICH FUNG KING HEY IS INVOLVED, AND PARTLY TO MEET MAYOR WANG DAOHAN. IT IS PRETTY CLEAR (E.G. FROM HIS PREVIOUS CONVERSATION WITH TIEN (MY LETTER OF 11 OCTOBER TO DONALD) AND FROM HIS REMARKS TO THE TDC DELEGATION (MY TELNO 1302)) THAT WANG IS BEING USED AS A CHANNEL FOR "CONSULTING" LOCAL CHINESE ABOUT THE CHINESE PLAN FOR HONG KONG.

3. WE ARE SEEKING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE DELEGATIONS AND WILL AIM TO SPEAK TO THOSE MOST LIKELY TO TAKE A ROBUST LINE WITH THE CHINESE BEFORE THEY LEAVE. IN DOING SO WE WILL DRAW ON THE MATERIAL YOU HAVE NOW APPROVED (YOUR TELNO 949), TAILORED APPROPRIATELY FOR THE INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED. I HAVE ALREADY SPOKEN TO FRANCIS TIEN.

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