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TO IMMEDIATE HONG KONG

TELEGRAM NUMBER 180 OF 25 FEBRUARY

INFO PRIORITY PEKING (PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR)

FUTURE OF HONG KONG: VISIT TO LONDON

1. AFTER DISCUSSION WITH NO 10, WE WOULD PREFER WORDING ON THE FOLLOWING LINES, WHICH YOU COULD RELEASE ON 26 FEBRUARY IF YOU WISH:

BEGINS: THE GOVERNOR WILL BE IN LONDON DURING THE WEEK BEGINNING 7 MARCH FOR CONSULTATIONS. SIR P CRADOCK WILL RETURN AT THE SAME TIME. ENDS

YOU COULD OF COURSE CONFIRM IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS THAT THE CONSULTATIONS WOULD COVER THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, BUT IF YOU THINK THE PROPOSED WORDING TOO DISENGENUOUS, YOU HAVE DISCRETION TO ADD, AT THE END OF THE FIRST SENTENCE: 'WHICH WILL COVER THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG'.

2. ON PRESENT PLANS A MEETING WILL BE HELD AT NO 10 ON THE AFTERNOON OF 7 MARCH, WITH AN OPTION OF A FURTHER MEETING ON THE AFTERNOON OF 9 MARCH. GRATEFUL FOR YOUR IDEAS ON OTHER CALLS.

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FUTURE OF HONG KONG

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