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FUTURE OF HONG KONG : AMERICAN VISITORS TO CHINA

1. A NUMBER OF AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN WILL BE VISITING CHINA DURING THE EASTER RECESS. IN PARTICULAR HOUSE SPEAKER TIP O'NEILL WILL VISIT CHINA FROM 25 MARCH TO 3 APRIL, AND, AFTER A VISIT TO SINGAPORE, WILL BE IN HONG KONG FROM 5 TO 8 APRIL. WE UNDERSTAND THAT A MEETING WITH SIR E YOUDE HAS ALREADY BEEN ARRANGED. IN PEKING THEY ARE THE GUESTS OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS AND EXPECT TO SEE DENG XIAOPING AS WELL AS THE FOREIGN MINISTER.
2. THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE EAST ASIA SUB-COMMITTEE, SENATOR MURKOWSKI, WILL BE IN CHINA AT THE HEAD OF AN ALASKAN TRADE DELEGATION FROM 3 - 10 APRIL, LEAVING VIA CANTON FOR HONG KONG AFTERWARDS.
3. CONGRESSMAN DINGELL (CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE ENERGY COMMITTEE) AND CONGRESSMAN PATTERSON (A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE BANKING COMMITTEE) WILL ALSO BE VISITING CHINA, PRIMARILY ON ECONOMIC BUSINESS.
4. WE HAVE NOT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE DIRECTLY AT THIS STAGE, BUT CONSIDER THAT IT WOULD BE WORTH OFFERING SOME GENERAL BRIEFING TO O'NEILL AND MURKOWSKI OR THEIR STAFFS ON THE CURRENT BACKGROUND TO OUR TALKS WITH THE CHINESE. IF WE ARE TO PUT THIS IN MOTION WE WOULD NEED TO APPROACH THEIR OFFICES SOON.

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