SECRET GR 55 SECRET FM HONG KONG 282949Z MAR 33 TO ROUTINE F C O TELEGRAM NUMBER 427 OF 28 MARCH INFO PEKING YOUR TELNO 286 : FUTURE OF HONG KONG 1. WE AGREE WITH YOUR PROPOSED REPLIES TO PRESS ENQUIRIES ON THE SUBJECTS LISTED IN PARA 1 OF TUR. 2. WE HAVE NOT OURSELVES BEEN QUESTIONED ON THESE SUBJECTS. WE ARE HOWEVER ASKED REGULARLY WHETHER I AM ABOUT TO GO TO PEKING TO TAKE PART IN THE TALKS. OUR RESPONSE IS SIMILAR TO YOURS.

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