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TELEGRAM NUMBER 267 OF 29 APRIL 1983,

INFO PRIORITY HONG KONG.

PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR

MY TELNO 231: FUTURE OF HONG KONG: VISIT BY HAL MILLER MP

1. MILLER HAS GIVEN US A REPORT ON HIS VISIT TO CHINA. THE MAIN POINTS OF INTEREST WERE:

(I) LIAO CHENGZHI TOLD MILLER THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE WAS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED AND THAT THEY WERE NOW PREPARING A REPLY.

(II) LIAO DENIED FIRMLY THAT THEY WERE INTENDING TO MAKE A UNILATERAL DECLARATION. HE WAS ANGRY WITH THOSE WHO HAD SPREAD THE 'RUMOUR'.

(III) THE CHINESE WERE PREPARED FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS TO LAST A LONG TIME (LIAO SPOKE OF FOURTEEN MONTHS).

(IV) LIAO UNDERSTOOD THE POSITION OF PARLIAMENT BUT WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ELECTIONS IN HONG KONG OR TO THE IDEA OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S 'VOTING' ON A SINO/BRITISH AGREEMENT ON HONG KONG.

2. A FULL RECORD OF MILLER'S CONVERSATIONS WILL BE SENT TO YOU BY BAG.

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