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INFO PRIORITY HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE LONDON AND PEKING

ROBERT ADLEY MP

WE HAVE HEARD THAT ROBERT ADLEY IS PROPOSING TO VISIT HONG KONG AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH A VIEW TO COLLECTING MATERIAL FOR A BOOK WHICH HE HAS SAID TO BE WRITING ABOUT HONG KONG AND THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE FOR PUBLICATION IN U.K.

2. HE HAS NOT BEEN IN TOUCH DIRECTLY WITH US AND THE INFORMATION HAS COME FROM PAIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION. PAIN IS DOING HIS BEST TO PLAY IT LONG, IF ONLY BECAUSE THERE IS HEAVY DEMAND FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION. HE HAS SUGGESTED DECEMBER.

3. WE REALISE THAT PROBABLY LITTLE CAN BE DONE TO DISCOURAGE MR. ADLEY, BUT HIS PRESENCE HERE WILL GIVE THE LOCAL PRESS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SOMETHING OF HIS VIEWS, TO INDICATE THAT THERE MAY BE A GROUP OF MPS WHO ARE NOT AT ONE WITH MINISTERS AND DO NOT NECESSARILY GO ALONG WITH THE LINE WHICH THEY BELIEVE HMG IS TAKING. HIS PRESENCE WILL ALSO UPSET UNOFFICIALS WHO HAVE ALREADY NOTED SOME OF HIS EARLIER REMARKS IN THE HOUSE.

4. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF IT WERE POSSIBLE TO LEAN ON MR. ADLEY AND IN ANY CASE TO KNOW WHAT HIS PLANS ARE.

HADDON-CAVE

## FUTURE OF HONG KONG

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HD/HKD

HD/FED

HD/PLANNING STAFF

HD/FUSD

PS

PS/LADY YOUNG

PS/MR LUCE

PS/PUS

SIR J BULLARD

MR GIFFARD

MR DONALD

MR WRIGHT

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MR ROBERTS NEWS D

MR MARTIN ASSESSMENTS STAFF  
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MR FLOWER FUSD

MR COLES NO 10 DOWNING STREET

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