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FUTURE OF HONG KONG: 5TH ROUND: PRESS COMMUNIQUE

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE AGREED PRESS COMMUNIQUE WHICH WILL BE RELEASED BY NCNA AND OURSELVES AT 0700Z TODAY.

BEGINS: "THE CHINESE AND BRITISH SIDES HELD USEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS ON OCTOBER 19TH AND 20TH. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 14TH AND 15TH IN PEKING."

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2. WE AGREED WITH THE CHINESE THAT IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS WE WOULD SAY IN ADDITION THAT INFORMAL CONTACTS WOULD CONTINUE BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES IN THE MEANTIME. WE PROPOSE TO LEAVE THIS FOR THE GOVERNOR TO USE ON ARRIVAL IN HONG KONG, AND TO SAY NOTHING OURSELVES IN THE MEAMTIME. GRATEFUL IF HONG KONG WOULD DO LIKEWISE.

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