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YOUR TELNO 859: FUTURE OF HONG KONG: SEVENTH ROUND OF TALKS
1. THE FULL TEXT OF YAO'S REMARKS ON DEFENCE OF THE SAR
(VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL TO THAT REPORTED IN MY TELNO 1314) —
READS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE DEFENCE OF HONG KONG SAR WILL BE THE
RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. EITHER QUOTE THE
TROOPS UNQUOTE OR QUOTE TROOPS UNQUOTE STATIONED IN HONG KONG
WILL NOT INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE SAR.
MILITARY COSTS WILL BE BORNE BY THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT: PUBLIC
ORDER IN THE SAR WILL BE THE VRESPONSIBILITY OF THE SAR GOVERNMENT
UNQUOTE. THE PRECISE TRANSLATION OF THE CHINESE QUOTE
ZHU JUN UNQUOTE IS QUOTE THE FORCES STATIONED IN UNQUOTE,
BUT THIS PHRASE IS COMMONLY TRANSLATED AS QUOTE GARRISON UNQUOTE.
IT IS NOT HOWEVER CLEAR WHETHER THE DEFINITE ARTICLE SHOULD BE
USED OR NOT, OWING TO THE IMPRECISION OF THE CHINESE LANGUAGE.

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