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FUTURE OF HONG KONG: 5TH ROUND OF TALKS: FIRST DAY.

1. ZHOU NAN SPOKE FIRST. HE WELCOMED ME AND RECALLED THE PROGRESS MADE SO FAR. HE REFERRED TO ZHAO ZHYANG'S MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER, CONVEYED THROUGH SIR PERCY CRADOCK ON 20 DECEMBER, IN WHICH ZHAO HAD SAID IT WAS DESIRABLE AND POSSIBLE TO EXPEDITE THE TALKS AND TRY TO REACH AGREEMENT AT AN EARLY DATE. NOW THAT WE HAD ENTERED 1984, THERE WAS NOT MUCH TIME LEFT. THE CHINESE SIDE CONSIDERED THAT OBJECTIVE CONDITIONS CURRENTLY EXISTED FOR SPEEDING UP THE TALKS. HE REPEATED THAT THE CHINESE SIDE WOULD WELCOME SUGGESTIONS FROM US ON THE 12 POINT PLAN AND WOULD GIVE THEM SERIOUS CONSIDERATION SO LONG AS THEY WERE CONDUCTIVE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF STABILITY AND PROSPERITY AND DID NOT PREJUDICE BASIC CHINESE PRINCIPLES. HE HOPED WE WOULD SET OUT SINCERELY AND STRAIGHTFORWARDLY ALL MATTERS THAT CONCERNED US AND WOULD PRODUCE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE ALL OUR WORKING PAPERS. IT WOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT TO REACH AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE QUICKLY IF WE FOCUSED ON MAJOR MATTERS OF PRINCIPLE AND DID NOT GET ENTANGLED IN EXCESSIVE DETAIL.

2. ZHOU THEN OFFERED FURTHER ELABORATION OF THE 12 POINT PLAN, RELATING HIS COMMENTS TO OUR FOUR MOST RECENT WORKING PAPERS. POINT 7 (THE MONETARY SYSTEM)  
THE STIPULATION IN THIS POINT OF THE PLAN WAS IN ITSELF CLEAR AND EXPLICIT. THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAD FORMULATED A SET OF POLICIES WHICH WERE ROUGHLY AS FOLLOWS:  
A) AFTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SAR, THE MONETARY AND FINANCIAL SYSTEMS AND THE RELEVANT LAWS AND ORDINANCES CURRENTLY IN FORCE WOULD REMAIN BASICALLY UNCHANGED.

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EXCEPT FOR COLONIAL LAWS AND TERMS. CURRENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WOULD ALSO BE BASICALLY MAINTAINED.

B) HONG KONG WOULD CONTINUE TO BE OPEN TO FOREIGN FINANCIAL BUSINESSES AND THEIR FREEDOM OF OPERATION AND THE FREE FLOW OF CAPITAL WOULD BE GUARANTEED. THERE WOULD BE NO EXCHANGE CONTROLS. THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE, GOLD, SECURITIES AND FUTURES MARKETS WOULD REMAIN OPEN. "FREE TRANSACTIONS WOULD BE PROTECTED." (SHC)

C) THE SAR GOVERNMENT WOULD EXERCISE AUTHORITY TO CONTROL CURRENCY AND FINANCE IN HONG KONG IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIC LAW AND COULD WHEN NECESSARY REVISE AND FORMULATE REGULATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES. THE SAR GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO REORGANISE OR SET UP MANAGEMENT AGENCIES.

D) THE HONG KONG DOLLAR WOULD CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE AND REMAIN FREELY CONVERTIBLE. NOTES AND COINS BEARING A CROWN OR MARKINGS WITH COLONIAL IMPLICATIONS WOULD BE PROGRESSIVELY REPLACED AND WITHDRAWN FROM CIRCULATION WITHIN A DEFINITE PERIOD.

E) THE SAR GOVERNMENT WOULD BE VESTED WITH THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE THE HONG KONG DOLLAR AND COULD AUTHORISE DESIGNATED BANKS TO ISSUE CURRENCY. WITH THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE SAR GOVERNMENT, THE CURRENT NOTE ISSUING BANKS COULD PARTICIPATE IN ISSUING, PROVIDED THIS PROCEEDED IN A SOUND FASHION AND A STABLE VALUE HAD BEEN FIRMLY ESTABLISHED. THE PROPORTIONS OF CURRENCY TO BE ISSUED BY EACH ISSUING BANK WOULD BE SPECIFIED THROUGH LEGISLATION OF THE SAR.

F) THE EXCHANGE FUND WOULD BE MANAGED AND CONTROLLED BY THE SAR GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO HELP STABILISE THE HONG KONG DOLLAR.

G) USING THE NAME "HONG KONG, CHINA" THE SAR COULD MAINTAIN OR ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL MONETARY ORGANISATIONS WHOSE MEMBERSHIP WAS NOT LIMITED TO STATES. HONG KONG COULD PARTICIPATE AS A MEMBER OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT DELEGATION IN ORGANISATIONS AND CONFERENCES WHOSE PARTICIPANTS WERE LIMITED TO STATES, BUT COULD MAKE STATEMENTS IN THE NAME OF THE HONG KONG SAR.

H) ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL OF FINANCIAL AGENCIES WOULD BE APPOINTED BY THE SAR, WHICH COULD ALSO RECRUIT FOREIGN EXPERTS. THE RECRUITMENT AND EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF IN COMMERCIAL INSTITUTIONS WOULD BE FOR DECISION BY THE RESPECTIVE INSTITUTIONS THEMSELVES.

3. ZHOU SAID IT WAS CLEAR FROM THE ABOVE THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE MONETARY SYSTEM WORKING PAPER WERE LARGELY COVERED IN THESE EIGHT POINTS AND THERE WAS NOT MUCH DISCREPANCY BETWEEN OUR UNDERSTANDING AND THE CHINESE POINTS. BUT SOME FORMULATIONS IN THE WORKING PAPER WERE INACCURATE OR INAPPROPRIATE, AN EXAMPLE WAS THE STATEMENT THAT HONG KONG WOULD REMAIN A MEMBER OR AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANISATIONS ON THE PRESENT BASIS. IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE IF THE PHRASE "ON THE PRESENT BASIS" WERE TO BE INTERPRETED AS MEANING HONG KONG'S MEMBERSHIP OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AFTER 1997 AS A BRITISH DEPENDENCY. HIS SEVENTH POINT ((G) ABOVE) WAS CLEAR IN THIS RESPECT AND HE BELIEVED HE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO IT. HE REFERRED TO THE

~~SEVENTH POINT ((G) ABOVE) WAS CLEAR IN THIS RESPECT AND HE BELIEVED WE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO IT. HE REFERRED TO THE PROPOSAL IN THE PAPER TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT MONETARY COMMISSION AND TO THE SUGGESTION THAT THE HONG KONG DOLLAR COULD BE LINKED TO ANOTHER CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY OR BASKET OF CURRENCIES. THESE SUGGESTIONS WERE TOO SPECIFIC AND COULD AND SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE SAR GOVERNMENT TO HANDLE IN THE LIGHT OF THE PREVAILING CIRCUMSTANCES. IT WAS INADVISABLE TO MAKE PREJUDGEMENTS.~~

POINT 5 (LIFE STYLE, FREEDOMS, PROTECTION OF PROPERTY)

4. ZHOU SAID THIS POINT IN THE PLAN COVERED THE MAIN PART OF THE WORKING PAPERS ON THE ECONOMIC SYSTEM, CULTURE AND EDUCATION AND THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS.

ECONOMIC SYSTEM: THE STATEMENT THAT, AFTER CHINA HAD RESUMED THE EXERCISE OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER HONG KONG, THE CURRENT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED MEANT THAT THE SAR WOULD CONTINUE TO PRACTICE A CAPITALIST SYSTEM. THE PROPERTY OF INDIVIDUALS, CORPORATIONS AND OTHER LEGAL PERSONS AND THE OWNERSHIP OF ENTERPRISES WOULD BE PROTECTED BY LAW. IT WENT WITHOUT SAYING THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT INTRODUCE SOCIALIST POLICIES IN HONG KONG.

THERE WAS NO MAJOR DISCREPANCY BETWEEN OUR UNDERSTANDING AND THEIRS. BUT HE POINTED OUT THAT THE WORKING PAPER STATED THAT THE HONG KONG ADMINISTRATION WOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE FULL AUTHORITY TO DECIDE ITS ECONOMIC POLICY. THE WORDS FULL AUTHORITY WERE NOT CLEAR IN MEANING AND LACKED PRECISION. A MORE APPROPRIATE FORMULATION WOULD BE "THE FUTURE SAR GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE AUTHORITY TO DECIDE ECONOMIC POLICY AND TO MAKE ECONOMIC POLICY DECISIONS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE BASIC LAW".

CULTURE AND EDUCATION: THE CHINESE SIDE HAD ALREADY STATED THAT THE HONG KONG SAR WOULD ENJOY A HIGH DEGREE OF AUTONOMY AND, USING THE NAME "HONG KONG, CHINA", COULD ON ITS OWN MAINTAIN AND DEVELOP CULTURAL RELATIONS AND CONCLUDE AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES, REGIONS AND THE RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS. THAT MEANT THAT THE SAR GOVERNMENT COULD FORMULATE ON ITS OWN AUTHORITY SPECIFIC POLICIES IN THE FIELDS OF CULTURE, EDUCATION AND SCIENCE FOR HONG KONG AND COULD CARRY ON AND DEVELOP EXISTING EXTERNAL TIES IN THESE FIELDS.

ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS WOULD BE UNCHANGED, THE CURRENT EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM WOULD BE RETAINED AND THE SAR GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE AUTHORITY TO DECIDE ITS OWN SPECIFIC POLICIES ABOUT THE SCHOOL SYSTEM, THE ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOOLS, THE LANGUAGE OF TUITION, THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS, "DEGREE QUOTAS" (SNC), EXAMS AND THE EXISTENCE OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES IN HONG KONG COULD CONTINUE TO RECRUIT AND EMPLOY STAFF FROM OUTSIDE HONG KONG AND USE TEACHING MATERIALS PRODUCED ABROAD. OF COURSE, ALL MATERIAL WHICH IMPLIED COLONIAL RULE AND IMPAIRED CHINESE SOVEREIGNTY WOULD HAVE TO BE REMOVED, WHETHER IT WAS IN TEXTBOOKS PRODUCED IN HONG KONG OR IN FOREIGN MATERIAL. SCHOOLS AND SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL INSTITUTES RUN BY MISSIONARIES, ORGANISATIONS, INDIVIDUAL AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES COULD REMAIN AND OPERATE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE BASIC

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LAW. EDUCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS GAINED OUTSIDE  
HONG KONG WOULD BE RECOGNISED AND RESPECTED SUBJECT TO  
CERTAIN EVALUATION PROCEDURES BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF  
EQUAL TREATMENT WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION. THESE POINTS  
COVERED THE CONTENTS OF THE WORKING PAPER ON CULTURE AND  
EDUCATION.

RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS: POINT 5 OF THE CHINESE PLAN PRESCRIBED  
IN BROAD TERMS THE INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF  
INHABITANTS OF THE SAR. RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS HAD NOT BEEN  
ENUMERATED BECAUSE IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO ENUMERATE  
ALL OF THEM. ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLE OF NO CHANGE IN THE  
LIFESTYLE, IN ADDITION TO THE BASIC RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS  
ALREADY PRESCRIBED, THE OTHER RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS CURRENTLY  
ENJOYED BY PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WOULD BE RESPECTED. CURRENT  
LAWS DEALING WITH RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS WOULD REMAIN AND  
WOULD INCLUDE, FOR EXAMPLE, LAWS GOVERNING THE FREEDOMS TO  
ENGAGE IN ACADEMIC RESEARCH, CHOOSE A JOB, DEMONSTRATE AND  
STRIKE. AS THE WORKING PAPER HAD POINTED OUT, NO RIGHT  
OR FREEDOM WAS ABSOLUTE AND ALL WERE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN  
RESTRICTIONS. IN EXERCISING THESE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS, THE  
BASIC LAW SHOULD NOT BE OVERSTEPPED, NOR SHOULD NATIONAL  
SECURITY AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST BE HARMED, NOR SHOULD THE  
RIGHTS OF OTHER INDIVIDUALS BE ENCROACHED UPON. ON THIS POINT,  
THERE WAS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US. ZHOU REFERRED TO THE  
INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS AND  
THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND  
CULTURAL RIGHTS. AFTER 1997, THE SAR WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO  
REMAIN WITHIN THE TWO COVENANTS OR TO UNDERTAKE OBLIGATIONS  
ARISING FROM THEM AS A BRITISH DEPENDENCY. BUT THE SAR  
ON ITS OWN COULD DECIDE TO APPLY THE PRINCIPLES AND SPIRIT  
OF THEM TO LEGISLATION IN HONG KONG.

5. ZHOU SAID IT WOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT FOR US TO SEE FROM  
HIS COMMENTS ON THE FOUR WORKING PAPERS, THAT THE CHINESE  
SIDE HAD EARNESTLY AND FULLY STUDIED ALL OUR PROPOSALS AND  
WERE APPROACHING OUR COMMON TASK IN A FRIENDLY SPIRIT. HE  
HOPED WE WOULD SHOW A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT HE HAD  
SAID AND MAKE A POSITIVE RESPONSE. HE WOULD OFFER COMMENTS ON  
POINTS RELATING TO THE LEGAL SYSTEM THE NEXT DAY.

6. I THANKED ZHOU FOR HIS STATEMENT AND SAID WE WOULD GIVE  
IT THE MOST CAREFUL STUDY. I THEN SPOKE ON THE LINES  
SUGGESTED IN YOUR TELNO 48.

7. ZHOU RESPONDED BRIEFLY. HE SAID HE HAD LISTENED WITH  
GREAT CARE. HE WAS GLAD TO NOTE THAT WE FULLY AGREED WITH  
PREMIER ZHAO THAT THE TWO SIDES SHOULD SPEED UP THE TALKS  
TO REACH AGREEMENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. HE WOULD  
REPORT THIS POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THE PREMIER. (I HAD NOT OF  
COURSE SAID THIS. I CONFINED MYSELF TO THE TEXT IN  
PARAGRAPH 2 OF YOUR TELNO 48). HE NOTED THE PREVIEW OFFERED  
IN MY STATEMENT OF THE AREAS TO BE COVERED IN THE MAIN  
WORKING PAPERS STILL TO BE PRESENTED. HE WOULD IF NECESSARY  
MAKE FURTHER COMMENTS ON MY STATEMENT LATER.

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8. HE THEN SPOKE ALONG THE LINES IN HONG KONG TELNO 116 TO YOU,  
AS AMENDED BY HONG KONG TELNO 148 TO YOU, AND PASSED OVER  
COPIES OF THE PAPER ON LAND. HE CONCLUDED BY ASSURING  
ZHOU THAT WE WOULD STUDY WITH GREAT CARE ALL THAT HE HAD SAID  
THAT DAY AND WOULD COMMENT ON IT IN DUE COURSE. ZHOU  
THANKED ME FOR THE WORKING PAPER. THE CHINESE SIDE WOULD  
GIVE CAREFUL STUDY TO THE QUESTION OF HOW AND WHEN TO SETTLE  
THE ISSUE OF LEASES AND IF POSSIBLE WOULD OFFER SOME  
COMMENTS THE FOLLOWING DAY.

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REVISION AND NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO TELEPHONS TO THE  
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MIPT. FUTURE OF HONG KONG: 3TH ROUND: FIRST DAY: COMMENT.

1. THERE WAS NO SURPRISES IN ZHOU NAN'S OPENING STATEMENT, THE TONE OF WHICH WAS FRIENDLY. HIS DETAILED COMMENTS OF THE FOUR MOST RECENT WORKING PAPERS WERE REASONABLY ENCOURAGING. WE SHALL BE DOING A MORE DETAILED ANALYSIS, BUT OUR INITIAL IMPRESSION IS THAT THE CHINESE SIDE HAVE NOT CHALLENGED MOST OF THE POINTS IN THEM. THERE WAS AN UNWELCOME NOTE IN ZHOU NAN'S SUGGESTION THAT TEACHING MATERIAL CONTAINING TERMS IMPLYING COLONIAL RULE OR IMPAIRING CHINESE SOVEREIGNTY WOULD HAVE TO BE REVISED. MORE IMPORTANTLY, HE SET ASIDE THE IDEA OF AN INDEPENDENT MONETARY COMMISSION AS A MATTER FOR THE FUTURE SAR GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE.

2. AT TOMORROW'S SESSION ZHOU HAS PROMISED TO PRODUCE SOME ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON LEGAL QUESTIONS, AND PERHAPS SOME INITIAL COMMENTS ON THE PAPER ON LAND. WE SHALL MAKE SOME PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON ZHOU'S STATEMENT OF TODAY, WE WILL ALSO MAKE SOME FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE LEGAL SYSTEM AND ON EXTERNAL TRADE RELATIONS, DRAWING ON FCO TELS NOS 42 AND 43, THOUGH WITHOUT ATTEMPTING TO SUM UP THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN PREVIOUS ROUNDS.

3. THE DATE OF THE NEXT ROUND IS LIKELY TO BE A PROBLEM. ZHOU AGAIN INDICATED CHINESE ANXIETY TO SPEED UP THE TALKS. WE SUSPECT THAT THE CHINESE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A ROUND RATHER EARLIER IN FEBRUARY THAN WE HAD ENVISAGED. THEY HAVE, HOWEVER, SAID INFORMALLY THAT THERE WILL BE LITTLE TO DISCUSS UNLESS WE HAVE BY THEN GOT IN AT LEAST SOME OF THE REMAINING WORKING PAPERS. THIS IS IN FACT TRUE: WE HAVE ONLY JUST ENOUGH MATERIAL TO KEEP US GOING FOR THE REST OF THIS ROUND. GIVEN THAT THE NEXT WORKING PAPERS ARE UNLIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE BEFORE AT BEST ABOUT 20 FEBRUARY, THE GOVERNOR AND WE THINK WE MAY HAVE TO GGO FOR A SLIGHTLY LATER DATE, PERHAPS IN THE WEEK BEGINNING MARCH 5, WHICH WOULD GIVE THE CHINESE TIME TO CONSIDER THEM.

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4. WE SHALL TRY TO HAVE AN INFORMAL WORD WITH THE CHINESE SIDE ABOUT THIS THIS EVENING. UNLESS THEY ARE PREPARED TO GO AHEAD WITH THE MEETING ON 22 AND 23 FEBRUARY IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THE WORKING PAPERS WILL AT BEST REACH THEM ONLY SHORTLY BEFORE THIS, WE SHALL NEED TO GO FOR THE LATER DATE, AND TO EXPLAIN THE RATHER LONG INTERVAL AS BEST WE CAN PUBLICLY IN TERMS OF MCHINESE NEW YEAR, THE PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET TO LEGCO ON 29 FEBRUARY, AND MINISTERIAL VISITS BOTH HERE AND TO HONG KONG AT THE END OF FEBRUARY.

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HONG KONG TALKS: PRESS STATEMENT

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE POINT STATEMENT ON THE EIGHTH ROUND OF TALKS, EMBARGOED FOR RELEASE AT 1500 HOURS LOCAL TIME.

QUOTE THE CHINESE AND BRITISH SIDES CONTINUED THEIR USEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS ON THE HONG KONG QUESTION ON 25 AND 26 JANUARY IN PEKING. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE NINTH ROUND OF TALKS WOULD TAKE PLACE ON 22 AND 23 FEBRUARY IN PEKING END QUOTE.

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