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From the Private Secretary

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Future of Hong Kong: Working Papers

The Prime Minister has seen the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's minute of 30 January and the enclosed papers on defence, security and public order.

Mrs. Thatcher agrees that the Working Paper designed to be presented to the Chinese may be handed to them as a basis for discussion with them - and, as the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary says, on the usual conditional basis. Mrs. Thatcher has noted that the Working Paper will need to be put formally to the Hong Kong Executive Council for their comments.

The Prime Minister has also seen your letter of 31 January enclosing a Working Paper on the public service and is content that it should be put formally to the Hong Kong Executive Council.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries of other members of OD(K) and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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