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Dear John,

Hong Kong: Visit of a Delegation led by Dr Ding Lik-Kiu

Dr Ding Lik-Kiu, the leader of a delegation from Hong Kong which is visiting London from 8 - 15 May to discuss the implications of introducing electoral reform in Hong Kong, rang the Hong Kong Government requesting an interview with the Prime Minister.

Dr Ding, who is aged 62, has been involved in community affairs in Hong Kong for many years. The other members of the delegation include elected Urban Councillors and social activists.

We do not think that it is necessary or appropriate for the Prime Minister to meet Dr Ding. Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mr Luce and Sir P Cradock have all received invitations to meet the delegation from the Catholic Institute for International Relations which is helping to arrange their programme. Replies have been sent declining the invitations and suggesting that the delegation call on the Head of Hong Kong Department here instead.

If you agree, I propose to send the enclosed telegram to Hong Kong asking them to tell Dr Ding that the Prime Minister will be unable to see the delegation.

Yours ever,
Pete Ricketts

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Private Secretary

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	9	FOR BRAY: YOUR TELNO 1181: DR L K DING	
	10	1. Please inform Dr Ding that the Prime Minister regrets that	
	11	she will be unable to meet him during his forthcoming visit to	
	12	London.	
	13	2. However Clift will be interested in hearing the Delegation's	
	14	views on democratic development in Hong Kong when they call on	
	15	him on 9 May and will ensure that these are passed to Ministers.	
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