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TO IMMEDIATE FONTAINBLEAU

TELEGRAM NUMBER 21 OF 26 JUNE

FOLLOWING FOR PS TO PM AND FOREIGN SECRETARY AT FONTAINBLEAU UKDEL

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM NOW REPEATED TO YOU AT REQUEST OF PRIVATE OFFICE
WAS RECEIVED FROM HONG KONG AS TELEGRAM NO 1710 OF 26.6.84

INFO IMMEDIATE PEKING (DESKBY 260600Z)

YOUR TELNO 648: FUTURE OF HONG KONG: CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT
AND GENERAL STRATEGY FOR THE TALKS

1. I SHOULD MUCH WELCOME TO OPPORTUNITY OF A DISCUSSION IN LONDON
AS YOU PROPOSE. THERE ARE INDEED IMPORTANT MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED
SUCH AS CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPEMENT, ITEM 2, ASSURANCES, THE PUBLIC
RELATIONS STRATEGY FOR THE COMING MONTHS AND A NUMBER OF OTHER
PRACTICAL MATTERS. I HAVE MADE PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENTS TO FLY
OVERNIGHT ON TUESDAY JULY 3/4. THIS WILL ENABLE ME TO ATTEND EXCO
ON JULY 3 WHEN THERE WILL BE IMPORTANT ISSUES TO DISCUSS (INCLUDING
THE GREEN PAPER). I WOULD RETURN OVERNIGHT ON FRIDAY JULY 6 WHICH
WILL GIVE ME A FEW DAYS IN HONG KONG BEFORE LEAVING FOR PEKING THE
FOLLOWING WEEK.

2. THE SOONER THE VISIT CAN BE ANNOUNCED THE BETTER: OTHERWISE
THERE WILL BE SPECULATION ABOUT THE NEED FOR A VISIT AT SHORT
NOTICE.

IF YOU ARE AGREEABLE AN ANNOUNCEMENT CAN BE MADE IN HONG KONG
TONIGHT IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

''THE GOVERNOR WILL BE VISITING LONDON AGAIN BETWEEN JULY 4
AND JULY 6 FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH MINISTERS ON THE PROGRESS
OF THE TALKS IN PEKING ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.''

3. IF NO DECISION CAN BE MADE UNTIL AFTER THE MINISTERIAL MEETING
IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU COULD LET ME KNOW AS SOON AFTER THAT AS
YOU CAN THAT THE VISIT IS FIRM IN A TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO BOTH HONG
KONG AND PEKING. IT WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR THE VISIT TO HAVE BEEN
ANNOUNCED BEFORE I SEE THE PRESS ON THURSDAY AT KAI TAK ON MY RETURN
FROM THIS ROUND OF TALKS.

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TELEGRAM NUMBER 20 OF 26 JUNE

FOLLOWING FOR IS TO FM AND FOREIGN SECRETARY AT UKDEL FONTAINBLEAU

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM NOW REPEATED TO YOU AT REQUEST OF DEPT WAS RECEIVED FROM PEKING AS TELEGRAM NO 1203 OF 26.6.34
INFO IMMEDIATE HONG KONG

YOUR TELNO 643 AND HONG KONG TELNO 1710: FUTURE OF HONG KONG: CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND GENERAL STRATEGY FOR THE TALKS.

1. I TOO WOULD VERY MUCH WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY OF A DISCUSSION WITH YOU IN LONDON ABOUT STRATEGY. THE CHINESE ARE TAKING A PRETTY HARD LINE AT THE MOMENT (AS YOU WILL AGAIN SEE FROM WILSON'S REPORT ABOUT TODAY'S MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP) AND THERE ARE PLENTY OF IMPORTANT ISSUES TO DISCUSS.

2. I HAVE MADE PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENTS TO FLY FROM PEKING TO LONDON VIA FRANKFURT, ARRIVING IN LONDON ON THE MORNING OF 3 JULY. FOR PERSONAL REASONS, I SHOULD LIKE TO RETURN ONLY OVER THE FOLLOWING WEEK-END. I SHALL BE TELEGRAPHING THE DEPARTMENT SEPARATELY ABOUT THIS.

3. IF AN ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THE GOVERNOR'S RETURN TO LONDON IS MADE IN HONG KONG TONIGHT, THE CHINESE AND THE PRESS HERE WILL ASK ME WHETHER I AM TO RETURN AS WELL. I RECOMMEND THAT I SHOULD BE AUTHORISED TO TELL ZHOU NAN TOMORROW THAT I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO RETURN TO LONDON FOR CONSULTATIONS AND THAT I SHOULD THEREAFTER, BUT ONLY THEREAFTER, CONFIRM THIS TO THE PRESS IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS.

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