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INFO IMMEDIATE HONG KONG

FUTURE OF HONG KONG: ZHOU NAN

1. ZHOU NAN'S WIFE WAS IN HOSPITAL FOR SOME DAYS
LAST WEEK FOR AN OPERATION.
CANCER IS SUSPECTED.
ZHOU NAN HIMSELF WAS CLEARLY UNWELL THIS AFTERNOON. ONE OF
HIS STAFF TOLD US AS WE WERE LEAVING THE DIAOYUTAI THAT
HE HAD FLU RATHER BADLY

2. I CANNOT SAY THAT HE WOULD HAVE BEHAVED OTHERWISE
OVER THE PAST TWO DAYS IF HIS WIFE'S STATE
OF HEALTH AND HIS OWN HAD BEEN NORMAL.
BUT I THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THESE CIRCUMSTANCES
EXIST.