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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 2420 OF ZQU/9/84

INFO IMMEDIATE HONG KONG AND UKREP BRUSSELS (FOR S OF S PARTY)

MY TEL NO 2414: FUTURE OF HONG KONG: INITIALLING

1. I SPOKE FURTHER TO ZHOU NAN THIS EVENING ABOUT INITIALLING. HE REPEATED THAT HIS LEADERS WERE VERY FIRMY OF THE VIEW THAT IT WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE AFTER 25 SEPTEMBER. HIS OWN VIEW WAS THAT IT SHOULD TAKE PLACE ON THAT DATE. THIS WOULD GIVE TIME FOR HIS LEADERS AND BRITISH MINISTERS TO CONFIRM THE TEXTS NOW ARRIVED AT AND FOR AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON INITIALLING TO BE MADE A FEW DAYS BEFORE IT TOOK PLACE. THIS COULD STATE WHEN AND WHERE THE CEREMONY WOULD BE HELD AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NO 23RD ROUND. HIS LEADERS HAD NOW AGREED TO THIS LAST POINT.

2. ZHOU ASKED WHETHER WE COULD PROPOSE A DRAFT ANNOUNCEMENT. I UNDERTOOK TO CONSIDER THIS

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