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From the Private Secretary

8 June 1989

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from "All Chinese students in the UK" seeking an immediate interview. I should be grateful for urgent advice on whether it would be appropriate for the Prime Minister to see them: and, if not, who should be deputed to do so on her behalf.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Colin Walters (Home Office).

Charles Powell

Bob Peirce Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Charles - I think it
would be advisable to see
them - just for
20 minutes.
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Mrs Margaret Thatcher,
10 Downing Street,
London SW1.

Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister

The horrible events and the bloody massacre happening in China worried and shattered us, the 4000 Chinese Students in the U.K deeply.

We therefore have decided to send our desperately urgent appeal to you, in anticipation of an immediate interview. The purpose of the interview is to have our six representatives discuss our petition with you and your Government.

All of us regard you as the most influential and outstanding political leader in the world, who has made great contributions to the prosperity and liberty of mankind.

We strongly believe that you and your government have the capability to save millions of innocent people from undeserved and indiscriminate death. We have great faith that, with your influence our grievances and sufferings could be substantially lessened.

We are sure you would understand our fears, worries and helpless disposition. All we want is just a precious ten minute interview from your tight schedule. We know you will help us and we sincerely appreciate your concern.

Last but not least, we repeat that we regard you not only as the leader of the U.K., but as the most famous and outspoken political leader in world history, and that is the reason why we seek an immediate interview with you. We apologise for the short notice demanded by our emergency. We anxiously await an urgent arrangement.

Best Wishes and Many Thanks From Our Bleeding Hearts.

Yours Faithfully,

All Chinese Students In The U.K.

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I enclose a copy of a letter the Prime Minister has received from the members of the Chinese Student Union.

I should be grateful for a suitable draft reply to reach this office by Thursday 22 June.

(C. D. POWELL)

R. N. Peirce, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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The Prime Minister
Mrs. Margret Thatcher
10 Downing Street
London

7TH JUNE, 1989

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Re: The Flagrant Massacre of Innocents in China.

Dear Prime Minister,

We, represent all the Chinese students in the United Kingdom, to appeal to you, whom we firmly believe that you will uphold the consciousness of Human Rights that have been glarely shredded by the reign of terror in The Peoples' Republic of China.

The concern shown by you, Prime Minister, is much appreciated, however, we have resolutely concluded that condemnations and suspensions of Military sales by your Honourable Government may not be sufficient to deter the atrocious deeds practised by the Chinese Government, which is clearly illustrated by the reports from China, whereby, tens of thousand innocent lives are tormented, killed and grievously wounded by the indiscriminate spray of bullets at crowds in the streets.

The insanity action by the regime is a significant challenge to world peace in view of her NUCLEAR capabality which there might be a distinct probability to deplore it on any country which the present Government dislikes as reflected from the continuing carnage of innocents in their land.

The killings of innocents is a blatant violation of human rights and it is a tragedy of the whole civil world, negative approach to the issue is an inference of acceptance to the practices of the regime.

We therefore humbly submit our propositions for the Prime Minister to deliberate.

- 1) The condemnation of the existing regime is not sufficient to prevent any further blood shed. We would desire positive and effective condemnation and sanctions.
- 2) To initiate an immediate debate in The United Nations condemning the actions that is undertaken by the existing regime and to adopt phrases of actions for effective economic and trade sanctions.
- 3) We urge the following sanctions to be taken.
 - a) The withdrawal of all economic projects and financial aids.
 - b) The freezing of all soft loans to China.
 - c) Economic embargo on China.
 - d) A total band on all Chinese products.

- e) Freezing all arms sales and technological transfers.
- f) Suspend the Chinese application to GATT.
- 4) To call The Council of Europe to adopt concerted actions similar to the UN propositions.
- 5) To request the supply of medical assistance and supplies for the wounded in China on humanitarian grounds, by International Red Cross.
- 6) To demand the immediate return to civilian rule and the withdrawal of martial law in China.
- 7) To suspend all negotiations for the future of Hong Kong, and to evaluate the joint-declarations in the light of the recent developments in China. To implement a democratic rule in Hong Kong in 1990.
- 8) To demand from the Chinese Government assurances that they will not intimidate any Chinese students in the United Kingdom either by withdrawing their grants, passports or otherwise.
- 9) Request the Prime Minister to meet the student delegation to unfold their demands.
- Prime Minister we unreservedly entrust upon you, the great upholder of democracy to maintain the flames from being extinguished.

Yours faithfully,

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MRMAEY

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PRIME MINISTER

CHINESE STUDENTS

You saw a letter at the weekend from an organisation calling itself 'All Chinese Students in the UK' seeking a meeting to discuss events in Peking.

Investigation by the British Council shows that this is not in fact a representative body - its leader is Xinjiang Nationalist and is regarded among Chinese students as an extremist.

The biggest and most representative group of Chinese students is the 'Chinese Students and Scholars Association'. They would be the appropriate body to meet. There is a risk that they would find the offer of a meeting awkward - they have not actually sought one - because of its effect on their future careers and their families.

The best course might be to send the Association a discreet message that if they were to seek a meeting it would be arranged, but not to press them. Agree?

C.D.P.

Yes not

C. D. POWELL
13 JUNE 1989



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15 June 1989

From the Private Secretary

See Bob,

CHINESE STUDENTS

Thank you for your letter of 13 June about Chinese Students in the UK. I have now discussed this with the Prime Minister. She agrees that the 'Chinese Students and Scholars Association' is the most appropriate body for her to meet. But she would not want to put them to any embarrassment by formally suggesting a meeting. The best course would be to convey a discreet message that if they were to seek a meeting it could be arranged. May I please leave it to the Department to do this.

Yours sincerely,

CHARLES POWELL

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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