



Prime Minister

Courtesy probably requires the  
and the prospect of future  
discussion with the Chinese about  
Hong Kong will make it easier  
to control expectations from your  
September visit.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Agree in principle?

Dear John,

A.J.C.  $\frac{19}{7}$

Yes not

During the Prime Minister's visit to China in September the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary hopes that she will feel able to extend a return invitation to the Chinese Premier to visit Britain.

Mr Zhao Ziyang is unlikely to take up such an invitation in the near future. He came to this country on an FCO Sponsored Visit in 1979 while still a provincial leader, and in the same year his predecessor as Premier, Hua Guofeng, paid us an official visit. Nonetheless, it would be normal to extend an invitation and the Chinese might be surprised and disappointed if the subject was not mentioned. If Zhao were to accept an invitation, his visit here would usefully sustain the steady development of Anglo-Chinese relations.

Could you please let me know your views in due course?

Yours ever,  
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