

Return to
M. Alexander

10 DOWNING STREET

3 March 1980

Dear Sir Lawrence,

It was a pleasure
to receive your letter of 25th Feb.
containing such good news. We all
owe such a lot to your never-failing
efforts and wonderful foresight.
Not only do they help our trade
but they have far-reaching and
beneficial political effects for the

future.

Warm personal regards.

Yours sincerely

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February 25, 1980

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The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M. P.
Prime Minister
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Prime Minister

I shall ask the Dept of ~~Industry~~ ^{Industry}

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Back to me after receipt of PM's letter. Pants

Dear Prime Minister,

I take the liberty of writing this letter, first to convey my best wishes, secondly to inform you of an interesting sequel to the recent contracts which, largely due to your assistance, we have been able to place with suppliers of British plant and material for our new Power Stations in Hong Kong.

Interconnection between the China Light & Power distribution system and the Guangdong network, official visits to our generating stations, and our offer to train Kwangtung Electricity Company staff on similar equipment have been the catalyst in initiating a 'great leap forward' in Sino-British relations.

The KEC, with the full approval of the Peking authorities, have approached us with a view to forming a joint venture to investigate the feasibility of constructing and operating a nuclear power station and this we have agreed to do.

Their proposal, coming at a time when the UK is studying the full implications of pressure water reactor technology on an international basis, is of particular interest.

It means that CL&P, given the necessary support, can open the door to the UK to provide China with the expertise and advice they require to build their first nuclear power station - a matter of face and considerable importance when one considers the enormous potential for the supply of generating plant required by China to further their Modernisation Programme.

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cc China, May 79, Sino-British Relations

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Meetings held so far with the senior officials of the KEC have been satisfactory and have engendered a climate of goodwill and mutual confidence, the implications of which are a good augury for Hong Kong. Minutes of these meetings are sent to the UK Department of Industry and to the Hong Kong Government so that they may be kept fully posted.

In conclusion may I, on the occasion of this Chinese New Year, say 'Kung Hei Fat Choy'. May it be a year of peace and happiness for us all.

Sincerely yours,



Lawrence Kadoorie

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From the Private Secretary

3 March 1980

I enclose copies of an exchange of correspondence between the Prime Minister and Sir Lawrence Kadoorie about the developing contacts between the China Light and Power distribution system and the Kwangtung Electricity Company. I understand from Sir Lawrence's letter that you are already fully in the picture about this.

I am sending a copy of this letter and its enclosures to Roderic Lyne (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

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