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Prime Minister
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Pl. Paul Morris

Dear Mike,

Yes

*Shall we arrange
a meeting, even
though you saw him
last August?*

VISIT OF SIR LAWRENCE KADOORIE

I am writing to let you know that Sir Lawrence Kadoorie will be visiting the United Kingdom again for the week beginning 28 July, and he has asked whether it would be possible to see the Prime Minister during that period.

In 1977, Sir Lawrence's company, China Light and Power, placed an order for a new power station with UK firms. Possible contracts for a further two power stations are currently being discussed with him by this Department. One will be situated in Hong Kong, but the other might be on the Chinese side of the border. It would be a major achievement for the UK to secure either contract, and could open the door to further orders in the future in China.

Sir Lawrence met the Prime Minister on a previous visit last August at which the Hong Kong contracts were discussed and he was assured that the new Government was anxious to support his efforts on such projects. A further meeting with him would provide an opportunity for the Prime Minister to hear first hand about general developments particularly in China/Hong Kong relationships and about the power station projects in particular. The Hong Kong and General Department, FCO, have given their support to this request for a meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Iain P. Morris

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Private Secretary

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

14 July 1980

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Thank you for your letter to Mike Pattison of 9 July about Sir Lawrence Kadoorie's visit to this country at the end of this month. The Prime Minister would very much appreciate a further word with Sir Lawrence and can I please offer him 1015 on Wednesday 30 July? Perhaps you would be kind enough to confirm that this would be convenient and supply us with a full brief to reach this office by close of play on Monday 28 July.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Malcolm Adams (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

CAROLINE STEPHENS

Iain Morris, Esq.,
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