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THE PRIME MINISTER

6 August 1980

Dear Sir Lawrence

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Yours sincerely

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Sir Lawrence Kadoorie, C.B.E., J.P.

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PRIME MINISTER

Here is a thank-you letter  
from Sir Lawrence Kadoorie.

The Department of Industry  
advise that a substantive  
letter to Sir Lawrence would  
be premature. Would you like  
to acknowledge as in the  
attached draft?

*MA*

5 August 1980





Secretary of State for Industry

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4 August 1980

Caroline Stephens  
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Prime Minister  
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*Dear Caroline*

SIR LAWRENCE KADOORIE

Following his meeting with the Prime Minister on 30 July  
Sir Lawrence called on officials here on 31 July and left  
... with us the enclosed letter, with a request that it be  
forwarded to the Prime Minister.

We would expect that the Prime Minister would wish to  
respond but would advise against a substantive reply at this  
... stage. A draft is enclosed.

*Yours sincerely*

*Catherine Bell*

CATHERINE BELL  
Private Secretary





DRAFT REPLY FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO SEND TO

Sir Lawrence Kadoorie  
c/o The Connaught Hotel  
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30/7/80.

Dear Prime Minister,

Once again my apologies for misunderstanding the time of our appointment this morning, and my very sincere thanks for your courtesy and kindness in putting me so quickly at ease.

I am much encouraged by your vision and understanding of the straws in the wind, which point to a smooth transition in UK/HongKong/China relations into the next century.

Though interpretation of Chinese thinking is difficult, rarely is there





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a hint without a pre-conceived intention.

I shall not fail to keep the  
Department of Industry in the picture  
and assure you of my full co-operation.

With Kindest regards,

Sincerely Yours,

Lawrence Kadoorie:

Lawrence Kadoorie.