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Dear Charles,

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Thank you for your letter of 25 September recording the Prime Minister's hope that the proposal to allow the children of former BDTCS of non-Chinese race to acquire British nationality automatically at birth if they would otherwise be stateless will be acceptable to all.

Since I last wrote to you on this subject on 21 September, we have heard that the Home Secretary and the Executive Council of Hong Kong are content with the approach set out in my letter. Today we received confirmation that the Chinese too have no objections. We are therefore able to use the line in the last paragraph of my letter in reply to any queries on this subject following publication of the White Paper.

Yours ever,

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