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From the Private Secretary

2 October 1984

FUTURE OF HONG KONG: TELEGRAM DISTRIBUTION

Thank you for your letter of 1 October about the revised arrangements for distributing Hong Kong telegrams.

I am content with the arrangements you propose (though I fear that our shredding machine will suffer from night starvation). I hope however that the Future of Hong Kong distribution will continue to include the review of the Hong Kong press which the Prime Minister follows with interest.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

CHARLES POWELL

Len Appleyard, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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1 October, 1984

Dear Charles,

Future of Hong Kong: Telegram Distribution

Now that the negotiations on the future of Hong Kong have been concluded we intend to amend the telegram distribution in order to avoid burdening you and other addressees with a flood of telegrams of lesser importance.

The future of Hong Kong distribution will remain, but will only be used for important telegrams. Other telegrams will be given a "Hong Kong agreement" distribution, on which you will not be included.

Our aim will be to ensure that you are kept abreast of significant developments, without being overwhelmed by paper as has been the case, I fear, over recent months. Please let me know if you would prefer any different arrangements to be made.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries of members of OD(K), to Bill Heseltine at Buckingham Palace, and to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office) and Bernard Ingham (No 10).

Yours ever,

Len Appleyard

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