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From the Private Secretary

4 October 1984

HONG KONG: NEGOTIATING TEAM

The Prime Minister would like to give a party for those involved in the Hong Kong negotiations and their wives. This will take the form of a reception on Wednesday 5 December.

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I shall be grateful if you could let me have, in due course, a draft guest list, covering all the Whitehall departments concerned. The criterion for inclusion should be a direct contribution to the negotiations. It should not be necessary, from every Department, to include the whole hierarchy but only those who were actually and directly involved.

I hope very much that we shall be able to include all those who made a direct contribution. But until I have an idea from you of the numbers which this would involve, I cannot promise that we shall. So please treat the exercise with some discretion, to avoid disappointments.

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