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FROM PEKING 190429Z OCT 84  
TO IMMEDIATE FCO  
TELNO 2627 OF 19/10/84  
INFO IMMEDIATE HONG KONG

MY TELNO 2596: FUTURE OF HONG KONG: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. ZHOU NAN ASKED ME TO CALL ON HIM THIS MORNING.
2. ZHOU SAID THAT HE HAD REPORTED THE PROPOSALS WHICH HE HAD PUT AT OUR MEETING ON 15 OCTOBER TO ZHAO ZIYANG AND OTHER CHINESE LEADERS. HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INFORM ME THAT ZHAO AND THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WARMLY WELCOMED THE PROPOSED VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER IN DECEMBER TO SIGN THE DOCUMENTS ON HONG KONG. FOR ZHAO, THE FIRST OF THE TWO SETS OF DATES SUGGESTED, (HE WOULD VISIT THE 10 DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS) WOULD BE THE MORE CONVENIENT.
3. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD REPORT. AS HE HAD SAID AT OUR LAST MEETING, THE PRIME MINISTER WAS NOT PLANNING TO MAKE ANY FINAL DECISION ON TIMING UNTIL EARLY NOVEMBER.

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