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TELEGRAM NUMBER 3361 OF 2 NOVEMBER

INFO PRIORITY PEKING (PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR)

PERSONAL FOR CRADOCK FROM GOVERNOR.

P.M.'S VISIT TO CHINA TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT.

WHEN I SAW HIM YESTERDAY EVENING SIR Y.K. PAO EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN THE SIGNATURE CEREMONY IN DECEMBER AND INDICATED THAT HE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO BE INVITED TO BE PRESENT.

2. HE SAID HE HAD PUT THE IDEA TO THE CHINESE THAT "DISTINGUISHED PERSONS" SHOULD BE INVITED TO THE CEREMONY. THEY SEEMED TO BE TAKEN BY IT BUT SAID THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO CHECK WITH THE BRITISH SIDE.

3. SIR Y.K. PROPOSES TO TALK TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND PRIME MINISTER ABOUT IT ON HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO LONDON.

4. IF THERE ARE TO BE "DISTINGUISHED PERSONS" FROM HONG KONG PRIDE OF PLACE WILL HAVE TO BE GIVEN TO THE SENIOR UNOFFICIALS OF EXCO AND LEGCO IN THIS OFFICIAL CAPACITIES.

5. SHADES OF SEPTEMBER 1982.

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