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From the Private Secretary

29 April 1985

HONG KONG: JOINT LIAISON GROUP: * ~ *

The Prime Minister had some discussion this afternoon with the Foreign Secretary and the Home Secretary about the possible need to provide British citizenship for * ~ * (and his eventual successors), as a means to persuade the Chinese to accept him as a member of the Joint Liaison Group.

The Home Secretary said that he saw no objection in principle to this, though it would be necessary to go through the normal procedures. The sooner these started the better. He would need an application from * ~ * and a report from the Governor. Subject to these being in order, he saw no difficulty.

I am copying this letter to Nigel Pantling in the Home Office.

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