

*Print Minister*

SECRET

*is*

*undecided  
letter to  
retire.*

*C.D.P.  
1106/30*

GR 450

SECRET  
D E D I P  
DESKBY 301130Z  
FM HONG KONG 301045Z APR 85  
TO IMMEDIATE FCO  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 819 OF 30 APRIL

FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR PWS FROM GOVERNOR.

*\* ~ \**

1. AS AGREED WHEN I WAS IN LONDON, I TALKED TO *\* ~ \** OVER THE WEEKEND ABOUT HIS FUTURE AS SENIOR UNOFFICIAL IN EXCO.
2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE USUAL CUSTOM I FIRST TOLD HIM OF MY PLANS FOR THE OTHER MEMBERS OF BOTH EXCO AND LEGCO. I ALSO TOLD HIM OF MY INTENTION TO MAKE *\* ~ \** THE SENIOR MEMBER OF LEGCO: AND TO MAKE A FURTHER APPOINTMENT FROM LEGCO TO EXCO AFTER THE ELECTIONS, AS SOON AS SOME OTHER POTENTIALLY INFLUENTIAL MEMBER EMERGED.
3. WE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THE LIKELY CHANGES IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS IN THE POLITICAL POWER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EXCO AND LEGCO AND THE MORE SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE TWO COUNCILS: THE LIKELY ATTITUDES OF THE NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS: AND THE PROBABILITY THAT IN A FEW YEARS TIME THEY WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN LEADERS RATHER THAN CONTINUE WITH THE PRESENT SYSTEM BASED ON SENIORITY. HE SHARED MY ANALYSIS IN GENERAL BUT EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT WE COULD SURVIVE THE NEXT THREE YEARS BY THE GOVERNOR GIVING NO ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE NEW MEMBERS TO CHANGE THE EXCO/LEGCO/UMELCO LEADERSHIP BEFORE THE 1988 ELECTIONS.

*4 IN THE*

*cc Sir P Curadoc*

SECRET

*\* ~ \* Names deleted  
and closed under FOI  
Exemption. C. Wayland,  
25 July 2014*

