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7	TO IMMEDIATE PEKING (PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR)
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9	INFO IMMEDIATE HONG KONG (PERSONAL FOR GOVERNOR)
10	HONG KONG TELNO 3361: SIGNATURE OF THE HONG KONG AGREEMENT:
11	SIR Y K PAO
12	1. I do not believe that it would be appropriate for
13	Sir Y K Pao to attend the signature ceremony of the Hong Kong
14	agreement.
15	2. If you are approached by the Chinese you should seek to
16	discourage them from the idea. You should say that Sir Y K,
17	although a distinguished resident of Hong Kong, plays no direct
18	part in the administration of the territory. It would not be
19	understood if he was present at the signature ceremony.
20	3. If Sir Y K Pao raises this matter with the Prime Minister or
21	myself while he is in London, he will be told that we see
22	difficulty in the idea, and that in our view participation in the
23	ceremony should be confined to those more directly associated
24	with the negotiations.
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From the Private Secretary

9 November 1984

SIGNATURE OF THE HONG KONG AGREEMENT:  
SIR Y.K. PAO

Thank you for your letter of 7 November conveying the Foreign Secretary's advice that we should seek to discourage Sir Y.K. Pao from trying to get himself invited to the signature ceremony of the Hong Kong Agreement.

The Prime Minister has commented that she does not think we shall succeed in keeping Sir Y.K. Pao away. It would therefore be better to concentrate on ensuring that he is only one of a number invited, in the hope that he will be lost in the crowd. You will wish to consider this.

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*From the Private Secretary*

14 November 1984

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO PEKING

This came up briefly during the Prime Minister's bilateral with the Foreign Secretary this morning. The Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary agreed that it would be far better if Sir Y.K. Pao were not to attend the signature, but expected him to find a way to get there. What must be clear was that he was not part of "our side". We should insist that the Hong Kong Government be allowed to nominate Hong Kong representatives.

The Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary also agreed that the question of taking industrialists to Peking should be looked at again. There ought to be ways to handle this without giving offence to Hong Kong. The Foreign Secretary promised to consult the Governor again and let the Prime Minister have a recommendation.

(C.D. POWELL)

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