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*From the Private Secretary*

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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.

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