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*Dear Charles*

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO CHINA**

The Master of the Mint would be grateful if the following could be included in the brief for the Prime Minister's visit to China.

"The Royal Mint.

The Royal Mint is currently negotiating with the China Mint Company, (a subsidiary of the People's Bank of China) to advise on the construction of a new Mint and for the supply of plated coin blanks or plating technology. The Deputy Master visited China in 1982 to initiate discussions and there is hope of their coming to fruition when the Commercial Director (Mr Gravenor) visits Beijing in January.

Mr Yin Yi is Director of the China Mint Company and of its banknote counterpart.

An indication that the Prime Minister is aware of and interested in this project could only be helpful."

I am copying this letter to Len Appleyard (FCO) and the Deputy Master of the Mint.

*Yours ever*  
*David*

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Principal Private Secretary

