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Dear Charles,

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Prime Minister's Meeting with Portuguese Prime Minister:
Hong Kong

Your letter of 22 November enclosing the record of the Prime Minister's meeting with Dr Soares referred to the Prime Minister's promise to let the Portuguese have a note explaining the Hong Kong agreement.

The following day, when Derek Thomas saw the Portuguese Political Director, he referred to the Prime Minister's undertaking to Dr Soares. He gave Proenca a copy of the White Paper on Hong Kong, which contains both the agreement and full explanatory notes on it. He also gave him a short memorandum summarising what had been achieved in the negotiations. He added that, if the Portuguese wished to follow up on any of the detail, the Hong Kong Department of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office would be very glad to talk in detail to any officials whom they might care to send over.

Senhor Proenca was grateful for the papers, and said that the Portuguese would like to take up the offer of official talks in due course. We stand ready to respond as soon as this happens.

*Yours ever,
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