

PRIME MINISTER

Briefing Meeting for your Visits to Peking, Hong Kong and  
Washington

This is tomorrow afternoon, the only time when we can assemble all those required. We have allowed 45 minutes for Peking/Hong Kong and 45 minutes for Washington. A list of those attending is attached. Geoffrey Howe has to leave at 5 p.m.

Briefs are attached without background at this stage. I suggest that you read the steering briefs only. You will of course have more time to study the others in detail on the journey.

Peking [Brief I]

Signature of the agreement is the substance. The talks are the icing on the cake. But some useful points might be made on trade - though the public presentation will need to be watched carefully.

You will want at the briefing meeting to identify the main objectives and decide how to pursue them at each of your three meetings with

- Deng Xiaoping —
- Hu Yaobang —
- Zhao Ziyang —

You might ask the Foreign Secretary to set out a general strategy for the visit, and then ask Mr. Channon and Mr. Buchanan-Smith (both of whom have recently visited China) to suggest how general trade objectives and the scope for co-operation on energy matters can most effectively be advanced.

Hong Kong [Brief 5]

Here the public aspect is all important: your televised address to the joint meeting of UMELCO and EXCO, your press conference and your district visit. There are no talks as such, except for a brief session with Lord Kadoorie on Guangdong.

Washington [Briefing 6]

The main subjects are:

- East/West and Arms Control.

The Americans will be interested in what you say on Gorbachev. You will want to decide (nearer the time) whether to hand over our shortened paper on BMD and ASATS.

- US economy
- Middle East
- Central America
- Terrorism

You may also need to raise Laker and Ireland.

You might invite the Foreign Secretary (who has to leave) to give a brief survey of what you can expect based

on his talks with Shultz. You could then ask the Defence Secretary to summarise the line it is suggested you should take on arms control; and the Chancellor to advise the best means of tackling the points we want to get across on US economic policy. Mr. Luce could be invited to deal with Middle East and Terrorism and Mr. Channon with any trade points.

Foreign Secretary  
Mr. Channon  
Mr. [unclear]  
Mr. [unclear]  
Mr. [unclear]  
Mr. [unclear]  
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Mr. [unclear]  
Mr. [unclear]

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Foreign Secretary  
Mr. [unclear]  
Mr. [unclear]  
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Mr. [unclear]  
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Mr. [unclear]

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Attendance

1600-1645 Peking/Hong Kong

Foreign Secretary  
Mr. Channon  
Mr. Buchanan-Smith  
Sir P Cradock  
Mr. Cartledge  
Mr. Wilson (FCO)  
Mr. Benjamin (DTI)

1645-1730 Washington

Foreign Secretary (Mr. Luce as reserve)  
Chancellor  
Defence Secretary  
Mr. Channon  
Sir Oliver Wright  
Sir Percy Cradock  
Mr. Cartledge  
Mr. Corley (DTI)

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MR POWELL

Prime Minister's Briefing Meeting: Hong Kong/Peking and  
United States: House of Commons, 4.00 pm  
Wednesday 12 December

The revised list of those attending is now as follows:

*Percy - Ben Law*  
4.00 pm

Hong Kong/Peking

Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary

Minister of State, Department of Energy,  
Mr Buchanan-Smith

Minister of State, Department of Trade  
and Industry, Mr Channon

Sir Percy Cradock

Mr David Wilson, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Mr Christopher Benjamin, Department of Trade  
and Industry

Mr Bryan Cartledge, Cabinet Office

4.45 pm

United States

Secretary of State for Defence

Chancellor of the Exchequer

Minister of State, Department of Trade and  
Industry, Mr Channon

Sir Oliver Wright

Sir Percy Cradock

Mr Bryan Cartledge, Cabinet Office

*Rosalind Mulligan*

ROSALIND MULLIGAN

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MR POWELL

cc Mr Cartledge  
 Mr Colvin  
 Mr Robertson

Prime Minister's Briefing Meeting: Hong Kong/Peking and United States  
House of Commons: 4.00 pm Wednesday 12 December

The list of those attending these meetings is as follows:

- 4.00 pm Peking/Hong Kong  
 Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary (Until about 4.45 pm)  
 Minister of State, Department of Trade and Industry, Mr Channon  
 Sir Percy Cradock  
 Mr Brian Cartledge  
 Mr David Wilson, Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
 Mr Peter Crawley, Department of Trade and Industry  
 [Mr Christopher Benjamin, Department of Trade and Industry]  
 ? Mr David Morphet, Department of Energy
- 4.45 pm United States  
 Secretary of State for Defence  
 Chancellor of the Exchequer  
 Minister of State, Department of Trade and Industry, Mr Channon  
 Sir Oliver Wright  
 Sir Percy Cradock  
 Sir William Harding  
 Mr David Nicholls, Ministry of Defence  
 Mr Peter Crawley, Department of Trade and Industry  
 ? Mr Brian Unwin, Treasury  
 Mr Brian Cartledge

2. I understand that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary does not see a need for Mr Luce to attend, but has suggested that Sir Oliver Wright should be present. Sir William Harding has also been suggested by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office as a substitute for Mr Derek Thomas who will be abroad. The Department of Energy have also suggested that Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Minister of State, Department of Energy, might also attend as he has just returned from a visit to China.

3. Mr Brian Unwin, Treasury, would probably attend in the place of Mr Littler, who will be in Brussels, although we are unable to confirm this at the moment. The Department of Trade and Industry have asked if they may send two officials: Mr Crawley to cover Hong Kong and Mr Benjamin to cover Guangdong. Mr David Morphet's attendance has not yet been confirmed.

  
ROSALIND MULLIGAN

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MR POWELL *o/r*

cc Mr Cartledge  
Mr Colvin  
Mr Robertson

Prime Minister's Briefing Meeting on China and United States visits,  
at 4.00 pm on Wednesday 12 December

Following our telephone conversation today, you asked me to send you a list of the possible invitees to the Prime Minister's briefing meeting.

2. On the basis that the meeting might be divided into two parts; Peking/Hong Kong first for about 45 minutes followed by United States (2 hours in all have been set aside), the list might look as follows:

Peking/Hong Kong

Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary  
Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Mr Luce  
Minister of State, Department of Trade and Industry, Mr Channon

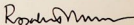
Sir Percy Cradock  
Mr Cartledge

United States

Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary  
Secretary of State for Defence  
Chancellor of the Exchequer  
Minister of State, Department of Trade and Industry, Mr Channon

Sir Percy Cradock  
Mr Cartledge

3. I wonder whether we will get away with such a relatively small group: might not Ministers wish to be accompanied by their Permanent Secretaries, or if not, at least one official from their Departments?

  
ROSALIND MULLIGAN

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*Dear Charles,*

Prime Minister's Visit to China, Hong Kong and Washington

In advance of the Prime Minister's briefing meeting on 12 December I enclose:

- (i) the steering brief for China;
- (ii) points to make at the formal talks with Premier Zhao Ziyang;
- (iii) points to make at the call on Chairman Deng Xiaoping;
- (iv) points to make at the call on General Secretary Hu Yaobang;
- (v) the steering brief for Hong Kong;
- (vi) the steering brief for Washington

The points in the briefing about a visit to China by HM The Queen are subject to the Prime Minister's agreement with the line proposed by Sir Antony Acland (after consulting the Palace) in his letter of 7 December to Robin Butler.

We shall let you have the full briefing in the course of Thursday, 13 December.

I am copying this letter with a full set of enclosures to Mr Wicklen (Mr Channon's office, DTI); with the Far East briefs only to Miss Killen (Mr Buchanan Smith's office, Energy); and with the Washington brief only to David Peretz (HM Treasury) and Richard Mottram (MOD).

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MISS MULLIGAN  
CABINET OFFICE

Prime Minister's Briefing Meeting on  
China and the United States

Thank you for your minute of 29 November.

For the Peking/Hong Kong meeting I suggest that you add Mr. David Wilson from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the appropriate Deputy Secretary from the Department of Trade and Industry. There should also be a senior official from the Department of Energy.

For the United States visit meeting, please add one senior official (Deputy Secretary or above) from each of the departments represented by Ministers.

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