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C.D.P. Cook

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

3 January 1985

Dear Peter,

BRITISH TRADE MISSION TO CHINA

The Prime Minister mentioned to the Foreign Secretary this afternoon her concern that we should do everything possible to ensure the success of the high level trade mission which Lord Young is to lead to China this spring. The Prime Minister suggested that once the arrangements for the mission were firmly in hand, she might invite the members of it together with the Chinese Ambassador and members of his commercial staff to a discussion followed by drinks at 10 Downing Street after which the Foreign Secretary or the Minister for Trade might give a dinner in their honour.

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I should be grateful if this suggestion could be taken into account in the course of preparations for the mission. Indeed, I think that the Prime Minister would find it helpful to have an early report on how these are going. You will wish to discuss this with the Department of Trade and Industry and with Lord Young's Office.

I am copying this letter to Leigh Lewis (Lord Young's Office) and Callum McCarthy and Steve Nicklen (Department of Trade and Industry).

Yours sincerely,

C.D. POWELL

P.F. Ricketts, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Sir P. Craddock

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4 Feb.
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MR POWELL

11 January 1985

LORD YOUNG'S MISSION TO CHINA

Paragraph 4 of Stephen Nicklen's letter to you of 8 January refers to the Prime Minister's offer to have a meeting with the members of the mission and the Chinese Ambassador and his staff.

I am not sure of the details of the proposed arrangements, but it seems to me that the more the Chinese know in advance of the specific objectives of the firms, and the more we on our side know in advance of what is likely to be attainable, the better. What we must avoid is large British expectations balanced by bland and evasive Chinese assurances. This suggests as much preparatory work as possible and as early a date for the proposed Prime Ministerial meeting as we can manage.

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PERCY CRADOCK

The PM has proposed a meeting & drinks with the Chinese Ambassador & staff + Lord Young & the members of the Trade Delegation.
We need something like 5.30-7.00 / 6.00-7.30, so that there can be drinks as well.
Steve Nicklen (DT) will be in touch to find a date.

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From the Private Secretary

11 January 1984

LORD YOUNG'S MISSION TO CHINA

Thank you for your letter of 8 January about the preparations for this mission.

BT= || I note that the delegation is to go to China in the first week of March. It seems to me the more the Chinese know of the specific objectives of the firms concerned and the sooner they know it, the more likely the mission is to be a success. This points to holding the Prime Minister's meeting at an early date, if possible at least a month before the mission is due to travel. I should be grateful, therefore, if you would be in touch with Caroline Ryder in this office early next week to discuss dates.

I am copying this letter to Leigh Lewis (Lord Young's Office) and Peter Ricketts (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

CHARLES POWELL

Stephen Nicklen, Esq.,
Department of Trade and Industry.

MR POWELL

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Copy to Mrs Goodchild

LORD YOUNG'S MISSION TO CHINA

I have spoken to Paul Channon's Office and Lord Young's Office and we have agreed on Monday 4 February from 1730 hours to 1930 hours for a meeting and drink. Lord Young's office will probably do the inviting. Is this right? Presumably the list is fairly straight forward as it will include all those on the Mission plus the Chinese Ambassador and staff.

CR.

Caroline Ryder

16 January 1985