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Cheryl Powell.

*This arrived after the 2-2
talks began. But you were already
away.*

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Dear Mark

PRESIDENCY OF THE SINO BRITISH TRADE COUNCIL

Before her meeting with Premier Zhao next week, the Prime Minister will wish to know that Sir Peter Matthews will be retiring from the Presidency of the Sino British Trade Council on 1 July and that Sir Eric Sharp, Chairman and Chief Executive of Cable and Wireless plc, has agreed to take over the Presidency for five years from that date. The Chinese Embassy in London has been told of the change, which will be announced on Tuesday, 4 June. Sir Eric will be a member of the group of businessmen meeting Premier Zhao on Tuesday, 4 June and will be introduced to the Premier as the President-designate. He and Sir Peter Matthews will also attend the Minister for Trade's meeting on 3 June with senior members of the Premier's party.

2 As the Prime Minister knows, Sir Eric has much experience of China and was a member of Lord Young's mission. Cable and Wireless have extensive and growing business in China.

3 I am copying this letter to P F Ricketts (FCO) and to Leigh Lewis (Lord Young's office).

Yours ever
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