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THIS IS INDEED GOOD NEWS AND I AM SURE THAT ALL CONCERNED WILL
BE MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR EFFORTS.

2. I CAN SEE WHY YOU WOULD NOT WISH TO GIVE THE DECISION GREAT
PUBLICITY IN THE UK BUT WE SHALL HAVE TO SAY SOMETHING PUBLICLY
HERE. THERE HAS BEEN STRONG PRESS INTEREST IN IT AS WELL AS
QUESTIONS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. IF WE TAKE THE INITIATIVE
IT CAN BE PRESENTED POSITIVELY AND ACCURATELY AND AVOID GARBLED
REPORTING WHICH MIGHT BE THE RESULT OF A LEAK.

3. I PROPOSE THEREFORE THAT A STATEMENT SHOULD BE MADE IN
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 24. THE TEXT OF THE
PROPOSED STATEMENT IS IN MY I.F.T. GRATEFUL FOR CONFIRMATION
THAT YOU AGREE AND FOR ANY COMMENTS ON THE TEXT DESKBY 240100Z.

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