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Prime Minister

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Dear Charles,

Hong Kong: Joint Liaison Group (JLG)

In your letter of 24 April you indicated that the Prime Minister attaches the highest importance to securing the presence of Mr Ho on the JLG.

The Prime Minister may wish to know that the Chinese Government have now accepted that Eric Ho should be designated as a member of the British side of the Joint Liaison Group, on the basis that he becomes a full British citizen. They rejected our previous offer to issue a special passport to him without actually changing his nationality status.

As Christine Heald has reported, the Home Secretary has registered Ho as a British citizen under Section 4(5) of the BNA.

I am copying this letter to Nigel Pantling at the Home Office.

Yours ever,

Peter Ricketts

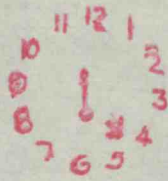
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Dear Charles,

HONG KONG: JOINT LIAISON GROUP

MR ERIC HO

This is just to let you know that the Home Secretary has now received and considered Mr Ho's application for British citizenship under section 4(5) of the British Nationality Act 1981. The application has been approved and Mr Ho's registration as a British citizen has formally taken place.

I am copying this letter, in confirmation of an earlier telephone conversation, to Peter Ricketts in FCO.

*Yours sincerely,
Christine Heald.*

MRS C J HEALD

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