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Prime Minister<sup>①</sup>  
Agree? AT 31/15

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31 May 1985

Agreed ms

Dear Charles,  
Sir S Y Chung

You wrote on 24 April about Sir S Y Chung's reappointment following the Prime Minister's meeting with the Foreign Secretary and the Governor of Hong Kong.

The Governor has now discussed the question of reappointment with Sir S Y. The discussions are recorded in the two enclosed telegrams. The upshot is that Sir S Y has said that he hopes he will be reappointed for a further 3 years. The Governor has now formally recommended this.

The Governor has discussed with Sir S Y the changes which he foresees in the conduct of business with the Executive and Legislative Councils over the next few years. Sir S Y professes to understand this, but at the same time has made it clear that he is in favour of minimum change. It is quite likely that the next few years will produce some tension among the Unofficials. This will require very careful management by the Governor, and it will be important that Sir S Y's views should not automatically be taken as representative of unoffical opinion as a whole.

Although foreseeing some difficulties, the Foreign Secretary considers that, in the light of the Governor's recommendations, the only course is to approve the reappointment of Sir S Y for 3 years. If the Prime Minister agrees, he will give his consent to the Governor's recommendation.

Yours ever,

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*From the Private Secretary*

3 June 1985

SIR S Y CHUNG

Thank you for your letter of 31 May about Sir S Y Chung's reappointment.

The Prime Minister agrees that Sir S Y should be reappointed for a further three years.

(CHARLES POWELL)

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