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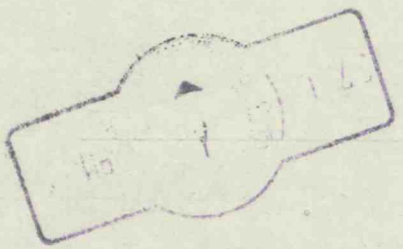
With reference to my minute (B.07290) of 24 January, I understand that Home Office officials are advising the Home Secretary to reply to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's minute of 22 January by saying that he would like to help on this subject if possible and by proposing detailed discussions between officials of the two Departments. The purpose of the discussions would be to find a common position on the risk of having to impose a visa regime on people in Hong Kong and on policy in the light of that risk.

- ✓ 2. I suggest that the Prime Minister either should not intervene in the correspondence at the present stage or should intervene only to say that she would like to be informed of the outcome of the discussions between the two Departments and of the resulting recommendations for policy.

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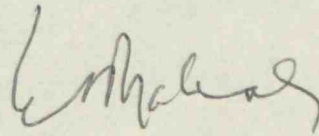
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I was struck by a point in the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's minute of 22 January to the Home Secretary. After arguing the case for an inscription in passports to the effect that no visas or entry certificates would be needed, the minute says that the Government could impose a visa requirement if this became necessary. On enquiry, I found that there appears to be a real difference between the FCO, who think that circumstances requiring visas are at present completely unforeseeable, and the Home Office, who think that a visa requirement is a high probability. I am exploring this further and shall look for a way round it.

2. I suggest that the Prime Minister might not react to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's minute for a few days.



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