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MEETING WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY AND HOME SECRETARY,
22 APRIL

There are two subjects for discussion:

1. Sikh Extremist Activity

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There is also the wider question of how to deal with the Sikh problem in our relations with the Indians. The Foreign Secretary had a difficult passage on this subject during his recent visit to India but agreed a procedural device for further discussions (in the person of Mr. Renton). Expulsion of Libyans will encourage the Indians to renew pressure on us to expel Sikhs even though the two cases are very different (the Sikhs in question are either British or have a right to residence). The Home Secretary has in hand a review of the way in which existing deportation powers are exercised. He wants to await the outcome of this before considering the introduction of new legislation.

2. British Citizenship for Hong Kong Businessmen

The Home Secretary is reluctant to take any special steps to allow wealthy Hong Kong businessmen ready to invest in the United Kingdom to acquire citizenship here. The Foreign Secretary supports him. You pointed out the illogicality of the Home Secretary's approach. The Government are trying to persuade wealthy Hong Kong Chinese to demonstrate their confidence in the future by staying on in the colony and maintaining their business and investments there, when their

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natural instincts may well be to move and transfer their funds elsewhere. The Home Secretary's approach runs counter to this because it says in effect that we would be prepared to help these people only if they move out of Hong Kong and come to live here. We would thus be undermining confidence in the future of Hong Kong and passing up the opportunity of substantial investment in this country.

C.D.P

(C. D. POWELL)

21 April 1986

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MRS. RYDER

CJP.
16.30 - 17.15 on
Tuesday 15 April.
No 10

Cancelled
earlier meeting

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Change to Wednesday

BRITISH CITIZENSHIP FOR HONG KONG CHINESE

We need to find a time in the diary when the Prime Minister could discuss this subject with the Foreign Secretary and the Home Secretary. It might, for instance, be done immediately after some other meeting which both were attending. It is not wildly urgent, but we ought to try to do it in the next 4/5 weeks.

CJP

Charles Powell

5 April 1986

Meeting now needs
to deal also
with Sikhs, and is
more urgent. Next 10-12
days if possible please.

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DP. *Perin.*

— We had to
change this
meeting to

Wednesday 16:
as the Home
Office weren't
ready with
Briefing.

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