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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 670 OF 18/10/82

REPEATED FOR INFO TO IMMEDIATE HONG KONG (PERSONAL FOR GOVERNOR)

PERSONAL FOR DONALD

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K.A.

HONG KONG TEL NO 1187 TO YOU AND YOUR TEL NO 858 TO
HONG KONG: FUTURE OF HONG KONG

1. THE TWO TURS APPEAR TO HAVE CROSSED.
I VERY MUCH PREFER THE FORMULATION IN YOUR PARAGRAPH 5.
THE ESSENTIAL POINT IS THAT WE SHOULD NOT CONFIRM THAT THE
CHINESE PUBLIC STATEMENTS ACCURATELY REFLECT THE
LINE THEY HAVE TAKEN WITH US IN CONFIDENTIAL, OFFICIAL
CONTACTS. ONCE WE DO THIS, WE ARE NEGOTIATING IN PUBLIC
- A GAME WE CANNOT WIN AND WHICH WOULD DO GREAT HARM
TO HONG KONG. IN FACT SOME OF THE STATEMENTS DO NOT REFLECT
WHAT WAS SAID IN THE TALKS.

2. ON A POINT OF DETAIL, I MUST TAKE ISSUE WITH
PARAGRAPH 2 OF HONG KONG'S TUR.

THESE STATEMENTS HAVE CERTAINLY BEEN MADE WITH A DELIBERATE
PURPOSE IN MIND. AND I GAVE MY VIEWS ON THIS IN MY
TEL NO 653. BUT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN OFFICIAL STATEMENTS
AND THEY ARE DENIABLE. THEY DO NOT FORM PART OF
THE CHINESE NEGOTIATING STAND WITH US UNLESS WE
MAKE THEM SO.

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