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Sir Walter Marshall tells me that he has now had a message from his contacts which makes it clear that the Chinese Government is disenchanted with the United States Administration, that the pro-French faction in China is very much in the ascendant, and that the mission visiting the United Kingdom next week will be strongly in favour of the Anglo-French project for the Guangdong nuclear power station.

2. Sir Walter Marshall's contacts have, however, said that, if the United States were to agree to permit the transfer of American nuclear technology to China through the United Kingdom, then the situation would change dramatically.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'RCA'.

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Thank you for your minute of 26 November about Sir Walter Marshall's latest information from China. As you may now know, the Chinese mission was in London last week (rather than this) - the Secretary of State for Industry was due to meet them on Friday.

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