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Dear John,

Hong Kong: Call by Governor and Unofficial  
Members of the Executive Council,  
7 October 1983

I attach a short background note on  
the Executive Council and personality notes  
on the Unofficial Members.

Yours ever

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## THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF HONG KONG

1. Article V of the Letters Patent to the Governor of Hong Kong provides for the establishment of an Executive Council. Article X of the Royal Instructions states that "in the execution of the powers and authorities granted to the Governor by Our said Letters Patent, he shall in all cases consult with the Executive Council, excepting only in cases relating to the appointment, disciplinary control or removal from office of a public officer, or in cases which may be of such a nature that, in his judgement, Our service would sustain material prejudice by consulting the Council thereupon, or when the matters to be decided shall be too unimportant to require their advice, or too urgent to admit of their advice being given by the time within which it may be necessary for him to act in respect of any such matters". The Governor is not obliged to accept the advice he receives from the Council, but if he does not he must report his reasons to HMG.

2. The Executive Council at present consists of four ex-officio members - The Chief Secretary, the Commander British Forces, the Financial Secretary and the Attorney General - and two Official and eleven Unofficial members appointed by the Governor for fixed periods on the Instructions of the Secretary of State. The Council meets every Tuesday morning, and its proceedings are confidential. Over the past year, the Council held a second weekly meeting, on Wednesday morning, specifically to discuss matters relating to the future of Hong Kong.



UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG CBE

Senior Unofficial Member of the Executive Council. Born 1917. Educated University of Hong Kong and University of Sheffield. Chairman of Sonca Industries Ltd. (Manufacturer of Electronic Equipment) and Grindlays - Dao Heng Bank. Member of the Legislative Council from 1968-1974. Member of the Executive Council since 1972 and Senior Unofficial Member since September 1980. Widower, three children.

OSWALD VICTOR CHEUNG CBE QC

Born 1922. Educated in Hong Kong and Oxford. A barrister and Queens Counsel. Member of Legislative Council from 1978-81. Member of Executive Council since 1974. Married to Pauline, one son.

ROGERIO HYNDMAN LOBO CBE

Senior Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council. Born 1923, Macao. Educated in Macao and Hong Kong. A businessman. Member of Legislative Council since 1972 and of Executive Council since 1978. Married to Margaret Mary, ten children.

LI FOOK WO CBE

Born 1916. Educated in Hong Kong and USA. A banker. Chairman of Barclays Asia Ltd. Member of Legislative Council 1973-81 and of Executive Council since 1978. Married to Laura, five children.

MICHAEL GRAHAM RUDDOCK SANDBERG OBE

Born 1927. Educated in Oxford. A former Army Officer, has served



with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation since 1949 (now Chairman). Member of Executive Council since 1978. Married to Carmel, four children.

LO TAK SHING CBE

Born 1935. Educated in Hong Kong and UK. A solicitor. Partner of Lo and Lo Solicitors. Member of Legislative Council since 1974 and Member of Executive Council since 1980. Chairman, Transport Advisory Committee and UMELCO Police Group. Married to Tierney, three children.

DAVID KENNEDY NEWBIGGING OBE

Born China 1934. Educated in Canada and England. Joined Jardine Matheson & Ltd 1954. Became Director 1967, Managing Director 1970 and Chairman in 1975. Member of Legislative Council 1978 to 1982 and of Executive Council since 1981. Chairman, Hong Kong Tourist Board. Married to Carolyn, three children.

LYDIA DUNN CBE (MISS)

Born 1940. Educated in Hong Kong and the University of California, Berkeley. Director of John Swire and Sons Ltd. Member of the Legislative Council since 1976 and of Executive Council since 1982. Chairman, Hong Kong Trade Development Council. Single.

LEE QUO-WEI CBE

Born Macau 1918. Educated in Hong Kong. Chairman and Chief Executive of Hang Seng Bank. Former member of Executive and Legislative Council, from which he retired in 1978 because of ill health. Reappointed to Executive Council in 1983. Former Chairman of Board of Education. Married.

CHEN SHOU-LAM OBE

Born 1925. Educated in UK. Director of Hong Kong Electric Co Ltd and Cable and Wireless (HK) Ltd. Member of Legislative Council



since 1976. Appointed to Executive Council 1983. Chairman of Hong Kong Productivity Council. Married to Doris, two children.

MARIA TAM WAI-CHU (MISS)

Born 1945. Educated in Hong Kong and UK. Barrister. Member of Legislative Council since 1981. Appointed to Executive Council 1983. Elected Urban Councillor and District Board Member. Involved in a number of social welfare organisations. Single.