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INFO IMMEDIATE HONG KONG WASHINGTON

FUTURE OF HONG KONG: PRESIDENT REAGAN'S VISIT

1. THE AMERICAN EMBASSY HERE HAVE TOLD US THAT HONG KONG WAS ONLY RAISED PERIPHERALLY DURING THE TALKS WHICH TOOK PLACE DURING PRESIDENT REAGAN'S VISIT. DENG XIAOPING, WHO HAD BEEN TALKING ABOUT TAIWAN, AND HAD REPEATED MUCH OF WHAT HE HAD SAID TO BREZHNEV AND TO YOU ABOUT CONFEDERATION AS A PRACTICAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF DIVIDED COUNTRIES, HAD ADDED THAT THIS WAS REALLY THE COURSE BEING PURSUED IN RELATION TO HONG KONG, WHICH AS A PROBLEM WAS NOW 'VIRTUALLY RESOLVED'. DENG HAD ADDED THAT THEIR COMPATRIOTS IN TAIWAN SHOULD PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT THE CHINESE DID IN HONG KONG.

2. REGAN DID NOT RESPOND TO THIS. THE AMERICANS HERE COMMENTED TO US THAT THEY THOUGHT THAT THE T-REE POINTS WHICH WE HAD SUGGESTED THAT REAGAN MIGHT MAKE (HONG KONG TEL NO 8 TO WASHINGTON) WOULD HAVE GONE A LITTLE BIT TOO FAR IN INVOLVING THE AMERICANS IN THE HONG KONG ISSUE.

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