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TO IMMEDIATE PEKING
TELEGRAM NUMBER 548 OF 26 MAY 84
AND TO IMMEDIATE HONG KONG, UKDEL SALON DE PROVENCE
MY TEL NO 539:
FUTURE OF HONG KONG: MESSAGE TO CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER ON
NEGOTIATION OF ANNEXES.

1. PLEASE NOW PASS MESSAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, OMITTING PENULTIMATE SENTENCE IN ANTE-PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH (BEGINNING QUOTE HE WOULD BE SUPPORTED UNQUOTE) FOLLOWING SENTENCE SHOULD NOW BEGIN QUOTE WE WOULD ARRANGE... UNQUOTE.
2. YOUR TELNO. 974. YOU HAVE AUTHORITY WHEN REQUESTING AN APPOINTMENT TO TELL THE MFA THAT YOU HAVE A WRITTEN MESSAGE TO DELIVER.
3. WE AGREE THAT IF POSSIBLE YOU SHOULD TRY TO COMPLETE THE APPROACH, INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF MODALITIES WITH THE MFA, BEFORE 30 MAY. BUT WE MUST LEAVE THIS TO YOUR DISCRETION. CERTAINLY THE MESSAGE TO WU SHOULD BE GOT IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT IF YOU ARE SQUEEZED FOR TIME AFTER THAT YOU MAY JUDGE IT BETTER TO LEAVE THE MODALITIES (PARTICULARLY THE QUESTION OF NAZARETH) UNTIL THE DUST OF THE LEGCO ADJOURNMENT DEBATE HAS SETTLED.

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