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FUTURE OF HONG KONG: THE WAY AHEAD

1. I REPORTED THIS MORNING TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ON THE DISCUSSIONS IN LONDON LAST WEEK ON FUTURE STRATEGY.
2. MEMBERS NOTED THE STRATEGY WHICH IT WAS NOW PROPOSED TO ADOPT. THEY CONTINUED TO EXPRESS STRONG CONCERN ABOUT THE JOINT GROUP AND IN PARTICULAR ABOUT LOCATING IT IN HONG KONG, IN THE LIGHT OF THE PURPOSES WHICH THE CHINESE INTENDED IT TO SERVE. THEY NOTED THE TACTICAL DEVICE OF POSTPONING DISCUSSION OF THE LOCATION OF THE GROUP AND LEAVING THE BRITISH POSITION ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE GROUP TO BE DETERMINED IN THE LIGHT OF THE OVERALL PACKAGE WHICH EMERGED FROM THE NEGOTIATIONS.
3. SIR S Y CHUNG, WITH SUPPORT FROM OTHER UNOFFICIALS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD HAVE A FURTHER OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE (AMONG OTHERS) FURTHER WITH MR LUCE DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT.

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