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THE PRIME MINISTER

25 January 1982

Dear Sir Y-K,

Thank you very much for your letter of 13 January. It is always good to hear from you. I am looking forward to the ship launch in March.

Thank you, too, for your remarks about Sir Edward Youde's appointment. I agree that he will bring very special qualities to this vital post.

I shall keep well in mind your suggestion that we invite Vice Premier Gu Mu and Mrs Gu here. I understand that an open invitation was in fact issued to Mr Gu Mu on behalf of the Government in June, 1980. I do not know how soon it will be possible to make a firm arrangement but I am grateful for the idea.

Many thanks for writing.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Sir Yue-Kong Pao, C.B.E., J.P.,

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