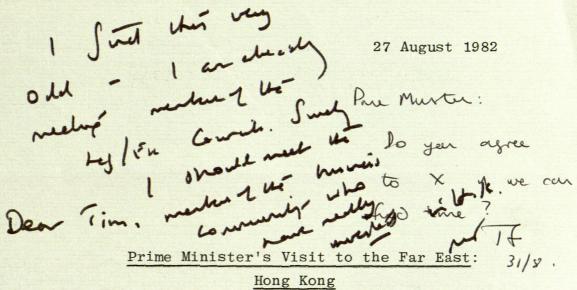


25 8

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH



In his letters of 20 and 25 August to Alan Logan, Michael Hall of our Protocol and Conference Department passed across a number of points from Hong Kong about the Prime Minister's programme. One of these was a recommendation from the Governor that the programme include a short meeting between the Prime Minister and a delegation of Urban District Councillors. In the Governor's view this would be helpful, in the context of consultation of Hong Kong opinion.

I am writing to confirm that we support the Governor's recommendation that the item be included.

(J E Holmes) Private Secretary

T Flesher Esq 10 Downing Street



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

2 September 1982

da

Prime Minister's Visit to the Far East: Hong Kong

We spoke about John Holmes' letter to Tim Flesher of 27 August, in which he confirmed that you supported the Governor's recommendation that the Prime Minister should meet a delegation of Urban District Councillors during her visit to Hong Kong.

The Prime Minister has commented that her programme already includes a meeting with members of the Legislative and Executive Councils. She attaches high priority to meeting members of the business community, who have actually invested in Hong Kong, and is not inclined to make room in her programme to meet a delegation of Urban District Councillors.

W. F. S. RICKETT

Se

Chris Greenwood, Esq., Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

RESTRICTED Foreign and Commonwealth Office Prime Minieta Sin E. Youde rang today to say London SW1A 2AH that he thinks it important that you should consult the cloton Councillors. 3 September 1982 about the future of Hong Kay. Agree to include in popersone? A.J. C. -Dear John, Prime Minister's Visit to the Far East: Hong Kong

 \bigcirc

In his letter of 2 September, Willie Rickett said that the Prime Minister was not inclined to have a meeting with Urban Councillors in Hong Kong and preferred to meet members of the business community.

I think that we may not have explained properly the thought in the Governor's mind in making this suggestion. He sees it as W an important part of the process of consulting (and being seen to consult) opinion in Hong Kong. The Urban Council is the equivalent of the City Council, responsible for civic matters for the central urban agglomeration, including Kowloon. It is quite separate from the Executive and Legislative Councils and its members generally represent a different group of people, including the professional middle class. There are some business people among them but in any case the suggested programme (about the overall nature of which I am writing to you separately) already contains four occasions for the Prime Minister to meet members of the business community: the dinner on 26 September; the business lunch and the reception on 27 September; and the opening of the Castle Peak Power Station on the 28th.

In the circumstances, we believe there is a good case for including a short meeting with the Urban Councillors (who have themselves asked for it) to demonstrate that every opportunity for consultation is being taken.

Your eve (J E Holmes Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq 10 Downing Street

RESTRICTED