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PART TWO OF TWO

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

III. Election Committee

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Yum Sin-ling	123 Democratic Alliance (pro-democracy)
Tse Wing-ling	DP
Choy Kan-pui	Independent (pro-China)
Anthony Cheung	DP

7. The DAB and the pro-democracy camp contested very closely in four geographical constituencies, and were defeated by small margins in three of them:

Kowloon South East:	Fred Li (DP):	30,133
	TAM Yiu-chung (DAB):	29,009
Kowloon Central :	Bruce Liu (ADPL):	22,183

	TSANG Yok-sing (DAB)	16,691
Hong Kong South	Yeung Sum (DP):	32,875
	CHENG Kai-nam (DAB):	29,910
Kowloon North-East	Mak Hoi-wah (DP):	23,201
	CHAN Yuen-han (DAB):	25,922

Detailed breakdown of the voting pattern by constituencies will follow by fax.

8. We have been taking the following lines on the election results:

- Warmly welcomes the results of this important election. Product of an open and fair process, and voters exercising their right in a free and informed manner.
- Naturally would have liked to see even high turnout rates. But results must be seen in perspective. Geographical and functional franchise both much broader this time round. For geographical elections, 170, 114 more voters voted this time, or 22.7% more than 1991. Indeed, in percentage terms, highest amongst the three sets of 1994/95 elections. Figures for functional elections very satisfactory as well: an all time higher of 460,690. Reflects broad community support and acceptance of [redacted] electoral system,
- Very pleased that a LegCo representing the wide range of community interests has been returned.
- Congratulations to all winning candidates. All have campaigned long and hard. Well deserved win.
- Would also want to pay tribute to candidates who could not make it. By putting their names forward, they give voters more choices and make the elections more open.
- But real victory must belong to the people of Hong Kong. Their collective participation - whether as electors, candidates or canvassers - makes the election credible and the new LegCo truly representative. Big step forward in [redacted] constitutional development.

- Proves once again that the people of Hong Kong are fully capable, and perfectly ready, to take an active part in the management of Hong Kong's affairs.

Struck by the sensible and orderly manner in which the election campaigns are conducted.

[If necessary: some isolated incidents, but do not detract from the fact that election on the whole has been conducted extremely smoothly. Any complaints are being dealt with by relevant authorities.]

- Most impressed by the professionalism and the dedication with which the Boundary and Election Commission and the Registration and Electoral Office organize the elections. Would also like to pay tribute to the many civil servants involved in polling/ counting duties. They helped make the election a success.
- We stand ready to co-operate with the new LegCo and look forward to a constructive partnership with Members.

9. We will be telegraphing separately on our thoughts on the management of the new LegCo.

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MY TELNO 762 AND HONG KONG TELNO 823 TO FCO:  
SUBJECT: LEGCO ELECTIONS: CHINESE REACTIONS

SUMMARY

1.

Even "partial through train" no longer possible.

DETAIL

2. The People's Daily on 19 September published comments by a State Council HKMO spokesman on the Hong Kong LegCo elections as follows:

(Statement begins)

The position of the Chinese Government on the question of the election of the last British Hong Kong Legislative Council is a consistent one. The election of the last British Hong Kong Legislative Council has taken place following the breaking off of Sino-British talks on relevant electoral arrangements. The "constitutional reform proposals" and related ordinances which were the basis for the election violated the Sino-British Joint Declaration, the principle of convergence with the Basic Law and relevant agreements and understandings reached between China and Britain. Therefore the members of the last British Hong Kong Legislative Council will not be able to ride the "through train" to become members of the first Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, nor is there a possibility of a "partial through train". The Sino-British Joint Declaration stipulates that the Government of the People's Republic of China has decided to resume the exercise of sovereignty over Hong Kong on 1 July 1997; the United Kingdom has declared that it will restore Hong Kong to the People's Republic of China on that day. In accordance with the decision of the Standing Committee of the

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Eighth National People's Congress on 31 August 1994, the last British Hong Kong Legislative Council will be terminated on 30 June 1997, and the first Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region will be established by the Hong Kong SAR Preparatory Committee in accordance with relevant NPC decisions. The above position of the Chinese Government is an unswerving one and will not be influenced by the result of the election.

(Statement ends)

The spokesman reportedly added that he hoped that all members of the final British Hong Kong LegCo who supported the territory's return to the motherland and the policy of "one country two systems" would pay attention to the interests of Hong Kong people and make great efforts for a smooth transition and for stability and prosperity in Hong Kong.

3. The People's Daily also published a tendentious account of the elections under the headline "Hong Kong 1995 elections concluded according to Governor's "Three Violations" Reforms" and Hong Kong by-lined comments by an NCNA spokesman in the territory describing the election as unfair and unreasonable.

4. The People's Daily led with a report of an interview given by Premier Li Peng to the President of Agence France Presse. Li apparently did not refer to the elections, but commented that China would establish all levels of future government structures in Hong Kong in accordance with BI stipulations. He was quoted as saying that the Chinese Government was confident of achieving a smooth transfer of government and a steady and even transition in Hong Kong which would protect the territory's long term prosperity and stability. Li reportedly also said that Hong Kong's status as an international commercial and financial centre would not change, and that the territory would continue to be a bridge between China and the world.

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