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**Note from the British Representative Office in China
regarding the 'Kashmir Princess' Aircraft Incident**

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Summary:

Con O'Neill informs Zhou Enlai that the 13 persons who were detained by the government of Hong Kong for investigation in connection with the crash of the aircraft "Kashmir Princess" had been deported due to insufficient evidence to hold any of them indefinitely on warrants of detention.

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Office of Her Britannic Majesty's
Chargé d'Affaires,

Peking.

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Your Excellency,

In my Note of the 16th of January I had the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Hong Kong were continuing to detain thirteen persons whose cases they were still investigating in connexion with the crash of the aircraft "Kashmir Princess" on the 11th of April 1955.

I now have the honour, under instructions from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to inform Your Excellency that, despite prolonged investigation, it has not been possible to find sufficient evidence to bring any of these thirteen persons to trial. Since, as Your Excellency is aware, it is impossible for the Government of Hong Kong to hold persons indefinitely on warrants of detention the thirteen persons have now been deported.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

(Signed)

G. O'Neill

His Excellency Mr. Chou En-lai,
Premier of the State Council and
Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Peking.

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