



Prime Minister

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

Agree that press should be  
told now of desire to  
re-open consulate-general in  
Shanghai?

A.S.C. 30/7.

Yes  
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29 July 1982

Dear John,

Shanghai Consulate-General

In April the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary agreed that we should re-open the Consulate-General in Shanghai. Preliminary discussions have been held with the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who have agreed to this proposal provided that we agree to the opening of a Chinese Consulate-General in Liverpool. This is acceptable to us and we are so informing the Chinese. Subject to the views of the Prime Minister, who may not wish to make her visit to Peking the occasion for the announcement, we propose to let the press know of our intention informally and at the earliest opportunity.

Yours ever,

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2 August 1982

Shanghai Consulate-General

Thank you for your letter of 29 July.  
The Prime Minister is content that the press  
should be told now of the decision to re-open  
the Consulate-General in Shanghai and to  
permit the opening of a Chinese Consulate-  
General in Liverpool.

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