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Clerk to Security Panel
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
Central
Hong Kong
(Attn: Mrs Sharon Tong)

1 November 2000

Dear Sharon,

Security Panel Meeting on 24 October

Further to my letter of 28 October responding to the various requests made by Mrs. Yu, I would like to inform Members of the latest developments -

(a) **Government to provide financial assistance in placing notices in the Mainland's printed media**

At the Security Panel meeting held on 24 October, Members supported Mrs. Yu's request for financial assistance from the Government to place notices in the Mainland's printed media. Having regard to Members' views, the Security Bureau discussed this request again with other relevant Bureau and department. We have decided to earmark a sum of HK\$200,000 for this purpose. The special task force of Immigration Department will seek the views of Mrs. Yu on detailed arrangements (e.g. to place notices on which papers) before making necessary arrangements and settling payments directly with the Mainland printed media concerned.

(b) **To make enquiries on or to search for Man-hon in the census in the Mainland in early November**

We have reflected Mrs. Yu's request to the relevant Mainland authorities after the Security Panel meeting last week. According to our understanding, the census involves various government organisations in different provinces and cities in the Mainland. The work programme and time-table of the census have already been set. The objective and target of the census are completely different from the task of locating a missing person. It is therefore inappropriate to incorporate the search for Man-hon as part of the census exercise. However, we will continue to keep in close touch with the Mainland Public Security Authorities to keep track of any news on Man-hon and to take any necessary follow-up actions.

Yours sincerely,

(Timothy Tong)
for Secretary for Security