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Clerk to the Panel on Security
Legislative Council Secretariat
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(Attn: Mrs Sharon Tong)

Dear Mrs Tong,

**LegCo Panel on Security Meeting
held on 5 November 1998**

Thank you for your letter of 8 January 1999 with a confirmed minutes of meeting of the above attached. I write to inform you of the follow-up actions that have been taken in respect of paras 34, 35 and 37 of the minutes. Details are set out below.

On para 34

- (a) Over the past three years (1996-1998), the Immigration Department detected a total of 24 cases involving suspected forged One-way Permits or obtaining OWPs by false presentation.

Removal actions or refusal of entry have been undertaken in established cases.

On para 35

- (b) The permission given to a person to remain in Hong Kong may be rendered null and void when he is found to be in possession of any forged travel document or when he has obtained a travel document by false representation. In the circumstances, he may be subject to removal order under section 19(1)(b) of the Immigration Ordinance. These apply equally to Mainland residents using One-way Permits to enter Hong Kong.

On para 37

- (c) In the period from July 1997 to end of November 1998, a total of 2 537 adult eligible persons aged over 20 entered Hong Kong. Separately, the Mainland authorities have received another 15 000 applications from adult eligible persons. The Mainland authorities are processing these applications.

I should be grateful if you can inform Members of the above.

Yours sincerely

(Miss Cathy Chu)
for Secretary for Security