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Dear Grenville,

Re: Prosecution of Immigration cases

I enclose Alan Hoo SC's article in the South China Morning Post today which I am asking the Clerk to circulate to members of the Panel on the Administration of Justice and Legal Services. Although the last paragraph of the article suggests that the case was prosecuted by Government Counsel on 8 February 2000, it is not clear whether it was so on the earlier occasions referred to. I should be grateful if you could tell me what the position was.

Frankly, I feel deeply concerned, not least about the independence of prosecution. Independence and quality, in evaluating the evidence and making decisions concerning prosecution are the questions I have in mind when I put the item on the agenda for the March meeting of the Panel. I believe they will form the crux of the discussion.

Yours sincerely,

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c.c. Clerk, Administration of Justice and Legal Services Panel
Chairman, Security Panel