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Dear Chairman

Subcommittee on Proposed Senior Judicial Appointments

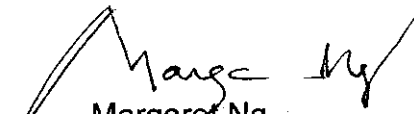
I note your letter to the Clerk of the Subcommittee with interest.

In applying its mind to the appointment of Judges under Articles 73(7) and 90, the Legislative Council is performing a constitutional, not a political role.

The last sentence of your letter is, one hopes, plainly correct. It was in the belief that should the remote possibility referred thereto occur, the Bar will not hesitate to let its views be heard that the Clerk was instructed by me on behalf of the Subcommittee to seek the assistance of your esteemed Association.

I read your correspondence to mean that the remote possibility has not occurred on this occasion and thank you accordingly.

Yours sincerely



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Chairman, Subcommittee on
Proposed Senior Judicial Appointments

c.c. Clerk and members of the Subcommittee