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Dear Ms. Chan,

I acknowledge, with many thanks, your letter of 24 February, 2005 in response to my letter to the Home Affairs Bureau, which was copied to yourself.

In response to your point No. 2, I confirm that I am very willing to "stand up and be counted". Therefore, please feel free to treat my letter as a submission to the Task Force if you wish and use it as you feel appropriate. I humbly admit that I am not always sure what subjects come under which department. So, I quite often write to the Home Affairs Bureau, who very kindly forward my letters to the relevant departments.

By way of a brief background, I am a resident of HK for a little over 40 years and have seen a number of changes, not always for the better. However, I have loved HK and have supported its Government, whether the past Colonial or the current SAR/China, through all these years. You will note from my letter that I have been in correspondence with the Home Affairs Bureau voicing a group of us who are against passing racism laws in the overall interests of social harmony.

It is important that you understand that all matters that I have dealt with in my letter are connected, mainly, the significance of discouraging any foreign interference - as very correctly and often emphasised by your "Motherland" - whether it be by way of immigration which is the source of the problem or, prevention of racism laws or, as is relevant to your department, in the sphere of Constitutional Reforms.

Thank you and please let me know if you require any further information. Meanwhile, I am enclosing, to illustrate my point, copy of a letter of mine published in the SCMP quite some time ago, but is still relevant to the current point.

Yours sincerely,

Signed)

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P.S: To save you time, no need to acknowledge, I am satisfied that my views will be noted, thank you.

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I read with interest Mr. Peter (and Nancy) Thompson's "A letter to the Chief Executive, from friends" (July 18).

I do not recall Mr. Thompson forming his "Peter's Angels" for a "project to promote democracy" during the colonial rule, as he claims to be doing now. It would also have been gallantly charming in that era to have given the "girls" something to do.

Nor do I recall Mr. Thompson reminding the British government of its legal, if not moral, obligation in the "best interests of Hong Kong's" 3.5 million Chinese when they were denied British citizenship in the selection process. Perhaps he was too busy at that time concentrating, quite rightly, not on politics but preparing for his now comfortable retirement.

Hailing from the largest democracy in the world, permit me to express my personal view. Democracy per se is not all that it is cracked up to be. Be careful what you wish for, you may get it. Often it is orchestrated anarchy and it certainly cannot be "curried" to feed a starving family. India's best response to foreign interference was to say "quit India".

Hong Kong already belongs to the great country of China. So, my Chinese friends, remember not to be influenced by any foreign opinion, however well meant, whether given by us residents or outsiders, but to chart your own course. This course will be easier if our government can have your support, as even "servants" deserve to be treated in a "civil" manner.

Whether we have been here for 40 or 400 years, we are your honoured guests. The axiom to guests is, do not talk politics or religion - and certainly do not plan the menu for our hostess. I put it to Mr. Thompson that he graciously stand back after 150 years of a job well done, and enjoy his retirement with a few more rounds of golf at Shek O followed by lots of gins and tonic.

(Signed)

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