



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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NEW IMMIGRATION SECTION PLANNED

TO CHECK ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT'S INVESTIGATION DIVISION IS STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP A RESEARCH SECTION TO STRENGTHEN ITS DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS AGAINST THOSE WHO TRY TO SNEAK INTO HONG KONG ILLEGALLY.

THE TASK OF THE PROPOSED RESEARCH SECTION WOULD BE TO MAINTAIN CLOSE LIASION WITH THE PUBLIC, POLICE AND OVERSEAS IMMIGRATION AGENCIES, AND TO CO-ORDINATE THE COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION TO OTHER SECTIONS OF THE DIVISION FOR ACTION.

ACCORDING TO MR. DAVID MILLS, HEAD OF THE INVESTIGATION DIVISION, THE NEED FOR SETTING UP A RESEARCH SECTION HAD BECOME MORE PRESSING IN THE LIGHT OF THE CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE IN THE REGION AND THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF KNOWN ILLEGAL ENTRIES WHICH AMOUNTED TO MORE THAN 14,000 LAST YEAR.

THE INVESTIGATION DIVISION HAD A MULTITUDE OF PROBLEMS TO DEAL WITH, HE SAID.

+WE ARE NOT ONLY DEALING WITH ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO WANT TO SEEK GENUINE REFUGE HERE, BUT IN MANY CASES PEOPLE WANT TO SNEAK INTO HONG KONG TO MAKE QUICK MONEY.

+THE PROBLEM IS AGGRAVATED BY TRAVEL DOCUMENT FORGERY RINGS AND UNSCRUPULOUS RACKETEERS SMUGGLING PEOPLE INTO HONG KONG FOR LUCRATIVE PROFITS.

AT THE SAME TIME, MR. MILLS ADDED, THE DIVISION ALSO HAD PROBLEMS WITH SOME PEOPLE HOLDING BONA-FIDE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.

+IT IS NOT UNCOMMON FOR SOME PEOPLE TO SNEAK INTO HONG KONG WITHOUT GOING THROUGH NORMAL CLEARANCE PROCEDURE MAINLY BECAUSE IT IS CHEAPER TO DO SO.+

AS AN EXAMPLE, HE CITED THE CASE OF A TAIWANESE WHO WAS CAUGHT ENTERING HONG KONG ILLEGALLY BY SEA LAST YEAR, ALTHOUGH HE POSSESSED GENUINE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS. THE MAN HAD OPTED NOT TO USE HIS DOCUMENTS SO AS TO SAVE ABOUT \$300 - HALF THE NORMAL SEA PASSAGE FEE. IN THE END HE FOUND OUT THE HARD WAY THAT THE EFFORT WAS NOT WORTH THE RISK, MR. MILLS SAID.

MR. MILLS NOTED THAT THE GEOGRAPHICAL SETTING OF HONG KONG, LARGELY SURROUNDED BY SEA, MADE PREVENTION OF ILLEGAL ENTRY MORE DIFFICULT THAN IN TERRITORIES WITH ONLY LAND BORDERS.

DESPITE ALL THESE PROBLEMS, THE INVESTIGATION DIVISION HAS CHALKED UP CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS IN CHECKING ILLEGAL ENTRIES.

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ON THE AVERAGE, THE DIVISION RECEIVES FOR INVESTIGATION 25,000 REPORTS EVERY YEAR FROM THE PUBLIC, THE POLICE AND THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS DEPARTMENT.

BASED ON THESE REPORTS, THE PROBES RESULT IN 3,000 PROSECUTIONS A YEAR.

PEOPLE BROUGHT BEFORE COURT ARE CHARGED WITH OFFENCES RANGING FROM ILLEGAL ENTRY AND OVERSTAYING TO WORKING WITHOUT PERMISSION AND MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS TO OBTAIN TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.

THE INVESTIGATION DIVISION HAS A COMPLEMENT OF 105 IMMIGRATION OFFICERS - MOSTLY IN PLAIN CLOTHES.

THE DIVISION IS MADE UP OF FIVE SECTIONS - THE GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS, OUTSIDE INVESTIGATIONS (HONG KONG ISLAND), OUTSIDE INVESTIGATIONS (KOWLOON AND NEW TERRITORIES), PROSECUTION AND REMOVALS, AND BACKLOG.

THE THREE INVESTIGATIONS SECTIONS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROBING CASES INVOLVING INFRINGEMENTS OF IMMIGRATION LAWS. OUTSIDE INVESTIGATORS ALSO MAKE REGULAR CHECKS ON NIGHTCLUBS, TRAVEL AGENCIES AND OTHER PLACES FREQUENTED BY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND OVERSTAYERS.

THE PROSECUTION AND REMOVAL SECTION IS CHARGED WITH THE DUTIES OF BRINGING OFFENDERS OF IMMIGRATION LAWS TO COURT AND TO REMOVE THOSE CONSIDERED NOT QUALIFIED TO REMAIN HERE.

THE BACKLOG SECTION, WHICH WAS SET UP FOLLOWING THE UPGRADING OF THE DIVISION IN DECEMBER 1973, INHERITED MORE THAN 6,000 CASES.

FOR THE PAST 16 MONTHS, IT HAS DONE A TREMENDOUS JOB TO CLEAR THESE PENDING CASES BY INTERVIEWING THE PEOPLE INVOLVED AND MAKING DETAIL CHECKS ON THEIR PARTICULARS.

MR. MILLS SAID IT WAS HOPED TO CLEAR THE BACKLOG BY OCTOBER. +IF THE TARGET IS MET BY THEN, THERE MIGHT BE STAFF AVAILABLE TO START RESEARCH SECTION WHICH WE NEED BADLY.+

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MORE REDUNDANT TEACHERS REGISTER  
WITH PLACEMENT SERVICE  
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THE PLACEMENT SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS SO FAR REGISTERED 189 OF THE 206 REDUNDANT TEACHERS IN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

THE REMAINDER AND ANY OTHER WHO ARE ELIGIBLE CAN REGISTER WITH THE SERVICE BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF THIS MONTH. THOSE TEACHERS WHO ARE KNOWN TO THE SERVICE TO BE REDUNDANT WILL BE RECEIVING REMINDERS ABOUT THIS BY MAIL IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO.

MEANWHILE, THE SUPERVISORS OF AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS WHERE THERE WILL BE TEACHING VACANCIES IN SEPTEMBER ARE GIVING PARTICULARS OF SUCH VACANCIES IN THEIR SCHOOLS TO THE PLACEMENT SERVICE.

THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE SERVICE, MR. DAVID LEUNG, EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO THE SUPERVISORS CONCERNED FOR THEIR QUICK RESPONSE AND CO-OPERATION.

WHEN ALL THE REDUNDANT TEACHERS HAVE BEEN FOUND ALTERNATIVE POSTS, LISTS OF THE REMAINING VACANCIES IN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL BE SENT TO THE PRINCIPALS OF THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION FOR THE INFORMATION OF THEIR STUDENTS.

+THESE LISTS WILL PROBABLY BE AVAILABLE SOME TIME IN AUGUST SINCE THE PLACEMENT OF REDUNDANT TEACHERS WILL TAKE MORE THAN A MONTH TO COMPLETE,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO GIVE ACCURATE ADVANCE PREDICTION VACANCIES, BUT AS FAR AS CAN BE ASCERTAINED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VACANCIES IN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL BE AT LEAST 350 AND THAT IN AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL BE AT LEAST 100. POSTS IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE.

+THE PROVISION OF THIS INFORMATION IN NO WAY CONSTITUTES ANY COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO GUARANTEE APPOINTMENT OR JOB PLACEMENT,+THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED.

WHILE THE DEPARTMENT WAS SYMPATHETIC AND WAS DOING ALL IT COULD TO HELP THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION STUDENTS, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT IT REMAINED THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENTS TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE.

THE PRINCIPALS OF THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION HAVE BEEN ASKED TO DISPLAY LISTS OF VACANCIES PROMINENTLY ON NOTICE BOARDS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +LISTS OF AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS WHICH WILL BE OPENING NEW CLASSES HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE COLLEGES FOR POSTING ON THE NOTICE BOARDS.

+IT IS NOT POSSIBLE AT PRESENT TO SAY IN WHICH SUBJECTS THE VACANCIES WILL OCCUR OR THE EXACT NUMBER OF VACANCIES WHICH WILL BE FILLED BY GRADUATES OR NON-GRADUATES IN INDIVIDUAL AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS.+

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THREE NEW PLB STANDS IN KWUN TONG  
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THREE ALTERNATIVE STANDS IN KWUN TONG WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED FOR USE BY PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES ON FRIDAY (JUNE 27) TO REPLACE ONE WHICH IS TO BE CLOSED ON THE SAME DAY, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR SOME TIME PRIOR TO A MEETING THIS MORNING WITH FOUR PLB REPRESENTATIVES IN WHICH THEY ASKED FOR MORE ALTERNATIVE STANDS ADDITIONAL TO THE THREE ALREADY PLANNED, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE THREE NEW STANDS, WITH SPACES FOR 40 PLBS, ARE LOCATED IN CENTRAL KWUN TONG AND WILL REPLACE THE ONE, WITH ABOUT THE SAME NUMBER OF SPACES, ON KWUN TONG ROAD EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TUNG YAN STREET, HE SAID.

THIS KWUN TONG ROAD PLB STAND WILL BE CLOSED IN ORDER TO ENABLE WIDENING WORKS ON KWUN TONG ROAD TO BE CARRIED OUT, HE ADDED.

AT TODAY'S MEETING, THE PLB REPRESENTATIVES PUT FORWARD PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONAL STANDS WHICH WOULD BE CAREFULLY EXAMINED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT PROVISION OF THE THREE ALTERNATIVE STANDS ALREADY ARRANGED WAS TO ENABLE PLB DRIVERS TO CONTINUE OPERATING WITH SUFFICIENT FACILITIES FOR PICKING UP AND SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS AT CONVENIENT SITES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED, WHILE DISCUSSING THE CLOSURE OF THE KWUN TONG ROAD PLB STAND, HAVE BEEN WELL AWARE OF THE NEED FOR ALTERNATIVE STANDS ALTHOUGH THE BUSY TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN KWUN TONG HAVE NOT LEFT MANY SUITABLE SITES FOR CONSIDERATION.

AFTER CAREFUL STUDY AND SITE VISITS, HE SAID, LOCATIONS FOR THE THREE ALTERNATIVE STANDS HAVE BEEN FOUND WHICH WILL BE CONVENIENT BOTH TO PASSENGERS AND PLB OPERATORS WHILE OTHER TRAFFIC IS UNLIKELY TO BE AFFECTED.

THESE SITES HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF ENABLING PLBS TO OPERATE WITH LITTLE INTERFERENCE WITH OTHER VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, HE SAID.

THE THREE STANDS WILL BE AT THE FORMER METERED CAR PARK BEHIND NOS. 70-84 FU YAN STREET- THE LAY-BYE ON THE WEST SIDE OF FU YAN STREET OUTSIDE NOS. 10-38- AND IN YUET WAH STREET NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH HIP WO STREET. TRAFFIC SIGNS HAVE BEEN POSTED AT THESE SITES PENDING THEIR OFFICIAL OPENING TO PLB USE ON FRIDAY.

THE CLOSING OF THE KWUN TONG ROAD PLB STAND AND ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS WITH PLB OPERATORS AND WERE GENERALLY ACCEPTED.

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FORMER DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DIES  
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NEWS WAS RECEIVED FROM LONDON THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING OF THE DEATH OF MR. TERENCE DARE SORBY, CBE, FORMERLY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

MR. SORBY DIED AT HIS HOME IN EDENBRIDGE, ENGLAND, ON SATURDAY (JUNE 21) MORNING. HE WAS 57. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND FOUR CHILDREN, TWO SONS AND TWO DAUGHTERS.

FUNERAL SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT ST. LAWRENCE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, EDENBRIDGE, KENT, ENGLAND ON SATURDAY (JUNE 28).

MR. SORBY JOINED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SERVICE IN 1946 AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, HE WAS FIRST APPOINTED TO THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT IN 1953 AND WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THAT DEPARTMENT FOR MOST OF HIS 24 YEARS WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

HE ALSO HELD THE POST OF COMMISSIONER OF LABOUR AND MINES AND SERVED ON THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARD, TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD AND ON THE PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL.

MR. SORBY WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY IN 1966, A POST HE HELD UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1970. DURING HIS FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE IN THAT POST, HE WAS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE DEPARTMENT AND PLAYED A PROMINENT ROLE IN THE SETTING UP OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE AND THE HONG KONG EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CORPORATION.

FOLLOWING HIS RETIREMENT THAT SAME YEAR, MR. SORBY BECAME EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL UNTIL SEPTEMBER, 1973 WHEN HE RETIRED. HE WAS AWARDED THE CBE IN JUNE, 1973.

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HEPATITIS CASES CONTINUE TO DECLINE  
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THE INCIDENCE OF VIRAL HEPATITIS CONTINUED TO DROP CONSIDERABLY DURING THE PAST FOUR WEEKS.

A TOTAL OF 42 CASES WERE NOTIFIED TO THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT LAST WEEK, COMPARED WITH 51 THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND 61 THE WEEK BEFORE. IT ALSO REPRESENTED A DROP OF ALMOST 50 PER CENT FROM THE 80 CASES NOTIFIED IN THE LAST WEEK OF MAY.

NO DEATHS CAUSED BY THE DISE WERE REPORTED IN THE FIRST THREE WEEKS OF JUNE. THERE WERE FIVE DEATHS IN MAY.

THE NUMBER OF VIRAL HEPATITIS CASES SO FAR THIS MONTH STOOD AT 154. THERE WERE 345 CASES IN MAY, 312 IN APRIL AND 160 IN MARCH.

STATISTICAL RETURNS ON OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY ALSO SHOWED DECREASES IN THE NOTIFICATION OF TYPHOID, CHICKENPOX AND BACILLARY DYSENTERY. RECORDS OF DIPHTHERIA AND POLIOMYELITIS WERE AGAIN CLEAR.

THERE WERE, HOWEVER, SLIGHT INCREASES IN THE INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS, FROM 542 TO 556.

OF THE 83 DEATHS RECORDED IN MAY, 78 WERE FROM TUBERCULOSIS AND THE REMAINING FIVE FROM VIRAL HEPATITIS.

HONG KONG STILL REMAINED FREE FROM CHOLERA AND OTHER QUARANTINABLE DISEASES DURING THE MONTH.

FOR MOST OF THE OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES THERE WERE NO APPRECIABLE VARIATIONS IN THE LEVEL OF NOTIFICATIONS.

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ADVICE ON PREVENTION OF +RED EYE+ DISEASE  
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY ADVISED THE PUBLIC TO TAKE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST THE SPREAD OF +RED EYE+ DISEASE, WHICH IS USUALLY PREVALENT DURING THE SWIMMING SEASON.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE DISEASE, CLINICALLY KNOWN AS ACUTE KERATO-CONJUNCTIVITIES, COULD BE PREVENTED BY OBSERVING THE SIMPLE RULES OF PERSONAL HYGIENE.

HE SAID THE COMMONEST MEANS OF SPREADING THE DISEASE IS THROUGH CONTACT, E.G. IN PUBLIC PLACES SUCH AS SWIMMING POOLS AND AMONG FAMILIES.

HE ADVISED THAT PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM THE DISEASE SHOULD, THEREFORE, STAY AWAY FROM PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS SO AS NOT TO SPREAD THE DISEASE.

IF A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY HAS CONTRACTED THE DISEASE, THE OTHER MEMBERS SHOULD TAKE CARE NOT TO USE HIS TOWELS OR HANDKERCHIEFS AND SHOULD PAY GREATER ATTENTION TO PERSONAL HYGIENE.

STATISTICS FROM THE TWO GOVERNMENT EYE CLINICS SHOWED THAT THE NUMBER OF +RED EYE+ CASES IN THE PAST FOUR WEEKS REMAINED NORMAL FOR THIS TIME OF THE YEAR -- AN AVERAGE OF 50 PER WEEK.

THE DISEASE IS OF ACUTE ONSET, CAUSING REDNESS AND SORENESS ON THE EYES, VARYING FROM SLIGHT IRRITATION TO SEVERE PAIN.

TREATMENT CONSISTS OF APPLICATION OF EYE DROPS OR OINTMENT ON THE EYES AS ADVISED BY ATTENDING DOCTORS.

AN EPIDEMIC OF +RED EYE+ DISEASE STRUCK HONG KONG IN 1971 WHEN MORE THAN 5,000 CASES WERE TREATED IN AUGUST ALONE.

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**JOB-SEEKERS URGED TO BE CAUTIOUS**

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THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. DAVID LIN, TODAY ADVISED JOB-SEEKERS, ESPECIALLY YOUNG PEOPLE LOOKING FOR THEIR FIRST JOB, TO BE CAUTIOUS.

HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN REPORTS RECENTLY ABOUT MALPRACTICES BY SOME UNSCRUPULOUS LIFE INSURANCE AGENTS ADVERTISING IN NEWSPAPERS FOR CLERICAL STAFF.

IN SOME INSTANCES, SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WERE PERSUADED TO PURCHASE LIFE INSURANCE WITH THE COMPANY AND TO PAY SUMS OF MONEY WHICH THEY COULD ILL-AFFORD.

IN SOME INSTANCES, +SURETY+ MONEY WHICH THE CANDIDATE PAID AS A FORM OF GUARANTEE WHEN HE GOT HIS JOB WAS CONVERTED INTO PAYMENT OF INSURANCE PREMIA WITHOUT HIS CONSENT.

ALSO, AFTER A BRIEF PERIOD, THE NEW EMPLOYEE WAS ASKED TO GO OUT AND SELL LIFE INSURANCE - A JOB WHICH HE MIGHT NOT BE SUITABLE FOR. AS A RESULT HE WAS EITHER DISMISSED OR COMPELLED TO RESIGN.

MR. LIN POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE EVERY NEW EMPLOYEE HAD THE RIGHT TO REQUEST FROM HIS EMPLOYER THE CONDITIONS REGARDING WAGES IN WRITING.

ANY MATERIAL CHANGE THEREAFTER COULD ONLY BE EFFECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE.

MR. LIN POINTED OUT THAT ANY PERSON WHO NEEDED ADVICE ABOUT CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT AND EMPLOYMENT COULD APPROACH THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

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**+MEET THE MEDIA+**

**NOTE TO EDITORS:**

A +MEET THE MEDIA+ SESSION WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY (JUNE 26) AT 4 P.M. IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

ATTENDING THE MEETING WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF ROYAL OBSERVATORY, MR. GORDON BELL.

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE MEETING COVERED. TELEVISION CREWS ARE ADVISED TO ARRIVE EARLY SO THAT THEY WILL HAVE AMPLE TIME TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

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