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Dear Geoffrey,

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Thank you for your letter of 31 October in which you responded to mine of 16 October. I am glad that you have already instructed your people to make a further approach to the Portuguese with a view to encouraging them to tighten up the criteria for granting Portuguese nationality to Macau residents and that you are linking this with further representations to them about the need to make further efforts to clamp down on the fraudulent issue of passports in Macau. I note that you do not propose to initiate direct talks with immigration officials in Macau about the issue of Portuguese passports due to the concerns of the Governor of Hong Kong. I hope, however, you will continue to encourage officials in Hong Kong to monitor the situation so that we can keep an eye on what is going on there ourselves. This is a point which my officials have already made to yours.

I am content to wait for the outcome of your latest demarches with the Portuguese before having a meeting. However, I remain concerned about what precisely we can do, particularly if the Portuguese in the end feel unable to move in the direction we wish.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister.

Yours,
Douglas.

The Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP

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