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Dear Mr. Galschiot,

I refer to our interim reply to your letter that was faxed to this Department on 17 April 2009. We note that you had issued a similar letter to various other persons and bodies.

We should state it clearly that Hong Kong is a free and open society that subscribes to the rule of law. We welcome bona fide tourists and visitors. In ordinary circumstances, genuine visitors who are nationals of Denmark may visit Hong Kong visa-free for a stay up to 90 days.

Against the above background, similar to other immigration authorities around the world, this Department has the responsibility to uphold effective immigration control and is empowered to decide whether to permit a visitor to enter Hong Kong. Under section 4 of the

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Immigration Ordinance, Cap. 115, Laws of Hong Kong, a visitor upon his arrival in Hong Kong is subject to immigration examination by an immigration officer for the purpose of determining if he should be given permission to land in Hong Kong as a visitor. In deciding whether or not to give the permission, the immigration officer will take into account the prevailing immigration laws and policy, as well as the circumstances of each case at the material time of the entry. We cannot therefore pre-empt the immigration examination and commit in advance that any intended visitor shall be permitted to land (or otherwise).

Yours faithfully,

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PF Chan for Director of Immigration