

# China and the Modern World: Hong Kong, Britain and China Part II, 1965–1993

An essential primary sources collection for researching the postwar history of Hong Kong and its interactions with the world during the Cold War era.

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### ARCHIVE SNAPSHOT

Approximate Size:  
400,000 pages

Date Range:  
1965–1993

Source Library:  
The National Archives, UK

Files Selected:  
FCO 40 (2,980 files) & FCO 21 (56 files)

### VALUE OF THE ARCHIVE

Consisting of all declassified volumes—those directly related to Hong Kong and those that affect all British colonies or territories—from The National Archives classes FCO 40 and 21, *China and the Modern World: Hong Kong, Britain and China Part II, 1965–1993* provides scholars with essential reference material for researching Hong Kong and its interactions with mainland China, the United Kingdom, the United States, Taiwan, and other parts of Asia. It will appeal to students and researchers around the world, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region, Britain, Europe, and North America, who are engaged in researching the twentieth-century history of China, Britain and the British Commonwealth, and Sino-British relations during the Cold War era.

While the focus of the collection is on Hong Kong, a high proportion of the content relates well to the history of modern China and relations with its neighbors (e.g., Japan) and the West (Britain and the United States), covering many historical events, such as the Vietnam War, the Cultural Revolution, tensions across the Taiwan Strait, China's reform and opening up, and negotiations on the return of Hong Kong to China.

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#### Key topics covered:

- The labor disturbances and riots of 1966–1967
- Social reforms of the 1970s
- Response to the Vietnam War and influx of Vietnamese refugees
- Espionage and intelligence operations
- Police corruption
- Reactions to Chinese political and economic events
- Anxieties about Hong Kong's future
- Negotiations and preparations for the city's handover to China

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