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CO 129 War and Colonial Department and Colonial Office: Hong Kong, Original Correspondence, held at the National Archives, UK.

Language
Majority in English, with some Chinese

Approximate Size
640,000 pages

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