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DISPERSAL OF CIVIL SERVANTS

I understand from my officials that the Prime Minister has given her approval to a quick review of the dispersal programme, and that you are considering the form of the review and how it might be announced.

As you will appreciate, there is considerable interest in this matter in Scotland, where press speculation has been stimulated by the announcement on 25 May that the MOD programme of dispersal to Glasgow is under review, and dispersal is of great political sensitivity. The announcement of the more general review will require very careful handling, and I hope therefore that you will agree not only that Ministers collectively should be involved in the review, but also that there should be consultation on the terms and timing of the announcement.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister and to Francis Pym and Nicholas Edwards.

Approved by the Secretary of
State and signed in his absence

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for Private Secretary