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EFFECT ON RHODESIA POLICY OF CUTS IN THE 1979-80 OVERSEAS AID PROGRAMME

Thank you for your minute of 17th September.

I am sure you are right in instructing the ODA to monitor their expenditure closely so that emergency action can be taken if necessary, in good time to contain expenditure within the cash limit. There can, of course, be no question of achieving this by merely postponing payments which have fallen due. Indeed I would much prefer such action to take the form of cancellations rather than deferrals, lest we exacerbate the problem of containing expenditure in 1980-1. But I am prepared to delay action, as you suggest, until we have a clearer idea of the estimated out-turn for 1979-80.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Prime Minister and to Sir John Hunt.

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GEOFFREY HOWE

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The Rt. Hon The Lord Carrington, K.C.M.G., M.C.

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