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Dear John,

Prime Minister

Agree with X?

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You will have seen the minute from my Secretary of State to the Foreign Secretary dated 29th April and Mr Pym's reply of 5th May. The Foreign Secretary agreed that a response to Mr Eldon Griffiths should be made in terms of paragraph 4 of my Secretary of State's minute. Mr Griffiths is entirely content with this but has pointed out that the original message which he received had been from Mr Botha himself. He would therefore like to say, when relaying the message to the South Africans, that the Prime Minister was grateful for Mr Botha's message and that she is entirely content with the terms of the reply from Mr Nott, from which it follows that there is no need for any immediate discussion. I should be grateful if you could let me know whether the Prime Minister would be content with this.

I am copying this letter to John Holmes (FCO) and to David Wright.

*I think the response should be a little warmer than yours - we may need those facilities and I am very grateful to the P.M. ~~that~~ to hear that they may be offered.*

*Yours ever  
Nick Evans  
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