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From the Private Secretary

15 May 1981

BBC External Services

The Prime Minister has seen the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's minute to her of 1 May on this subject. She is inclined to think that expenditure proposals such as those described by the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary should not be considered in isolation from the rest of the Government's future public expenditure. Nonetheless, she recognises the urgency in this instance and has agreed that there should be an early Ministerial discussion of the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's minute. This might best take place in OD.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to members of OD, to Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

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