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*From the Principal Private Secretary*

2 October 1979

*Dear Mike,*

SECURITY CO-ORDINATOR

Thank you for your letter of 1 October 1979 about the appointment of Sir Maurice Oldfield as Security Co-ordinator.

The Prime Minister has seen the draft press announcement, the attributable press guidance and the defensive brief for unattributable use attached to your letter and, as I have already told Roy Harrington in Belfast, she is content with them.

As regards the timing of the announcement, the Prime Minister agrees, in the light of the various considerations set out in your letter, that this should be at midday tomorrow, Wednesday.

I am sending copies of this letter to George Walden (FCO), John Chilcot (HO), Brian Norbury (MOD), Richard Prescott (Privy Council Office), and Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

*Yours ever,*

*Steve Whitmore.*

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