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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

~~B/F 16-6-80.~~

11 June 1980

Security Co-ordinator

The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary of State's minute of 6 June 1980 about the replacement of Sir Maurice Oldfield.

She agrees that Sir Brooks Richards should be appointed to succeed to Sir Maurice Oldfield with effect from 16 June. She is generally content with the draft press notice and the attributable background press guidance. She has suggested, however, that the last sentence of the draft press notice should be deleted: she does not think it sensible for us to go out of our way to draw attention to the fact that Sir Brooks Richards is married and has a son and a daughter.

The Prime Minister would like to write herself to Sir Maurice Oldfield to thank him for what he has done in Northern Ireland and she would be grateful if your Secretary of State could let her have a draft letter.

I am sending copies of this letter to John Chilcot (Home Office), George Walden (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Brian Norbury (Ministry of Defence) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

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