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Call by Mr. G.D. Birla

Mr. Birla called on the Prime Minister as arranged on the morning of 13 May. Most of the conversation was of a general nature (and included the revelation by Mr. Birla that his last call at No. 10 had been to visit Mr. Baldwin!). However, it may be worth noting that Mr. Birla placed a good deal of stress on his wish to co-operate with a British firm (he mentioned Humphreys-Glasgow and Foster-Wheeler) in developing a coal-based fertiliser. He believed that there was considerable potential in this area: India's needs were vast. He said he wished to keep the Prime Minister fully informed about the development of the project. The Prime Minister suggested that he should write to me and this was agreed.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Roderic Lyne (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

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Mrs. Catherine Capon,  
Department of Trade.