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*From the Principal Private Secretary*

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

Thank you for your minute A08398 of 12 May 1982 about Mr Walters's request to attend the meeting of E(DL) when the Financial Secretary's paper on methods of privatisation is discussed.

I did not want to trouble the Prime Minister with this matter and so I had a word with Mr Walters himself to point out to him the difficulties which his request posed. He understood immediately the objections to his attendance and withdrew his request to be at the meeting.

He does not want to take up your suggestion that we might circulate to E(DL) a note setting out his views.

KW.

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