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From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN
MR GEOFFREY SLOAN AND MR CLIVE ABBOTT

Thank you for your minute of 1 October (A09621) which followed up your discussion with the Prime Minister about the request from Mr Enoch Powell for an interview with you.

I confirm that the Prime Minister is content that you should see Mr Powell and make to him the points which you suggest. As you know her view is that what is really necessary to convince Mr Powell is to establish that the substance of the statements attributed by Mr Sloan to Mr Abbott is false.

F.R.B.

4 October 1982

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