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①Prime Minister.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Contact that Mr. Botha

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should arrive at Chequersby helicopter?

16 May, 1984

A.J.C. 17/5.

Yes not

John Johnson,

Visit of the South Africa Prime Minister

Your letter of 9 May recorded the Prime Minister's discussion with the Foreign Secretary about Mr Botha's visit, and in particular the security arrangements. Since we discussed these problems in a preliminary way on the telephone on 11 May, we have been in touch with the Home Office and I understand they wish to reply substantively on the policing issues, which fall into their responsibilities.

Your letter also recorded the Prime Minister's suggestion that Mr Botha should arrive at Chequers by helicopter. The Foreign Secretary agrees that this would indeed be sensible. Normally, since this is a working visit by Mr Botha, arrangements for a helicopter would be a matter for the South Africans. But because of the special political and security considerations in this case the Foreign Secretary believes that exceptionally that we should provide and pay for transport. We are therefore proposing to hire a civil helicopter from a reputable private company called Air Hanson, which Sir Geoffrey Howe uses from time to time. Their discretion and security are dependable.

We have been in contact with your office about arrangements for landing a helicopter at Chequers. They have asked that this should be formally put to you in a letter, which I am now doing.

I am copying this letter to Hugh Taylor.

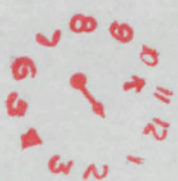
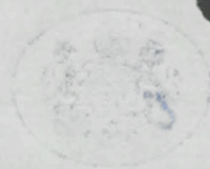
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