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Prime Minister

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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If we divide the seminar into two parts, we could afford a slightly wider spread of opinion at the morning session. On the other hand we don't want the debate to become ideological. My inclination would be to include Mrs Lipton & Professor Spence but not Simon Jenkins or Johansen-Berg

Seminar on Policy towards South Africa

In your letter of 17 June you said that the Prime Minister would welcome suggestions for participation in the proposed seminar on policy towards South Africa. You thought that we should aim for a total of twenty drawn from Ministers, government backbenchers, businessmen, academic experts and officials.

Could you please tick or cross names as appropriate?

I now attach a list of suggested participants. You will see that it is divided into two sections: 'in-house' and 'outsiders'. The Foreign Secretary suggests that the seminar might take the same format as was used for the Soviet seminar in 1983: that is, that outsiders should be invited for the morning session and for lunch, but that only Ministers and officials should join in the afternoon discussion.

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As far as Ministerial participation is concerned, the Foreign Secretary suggests that Mr Rifkind be included and the DTI would like Mr Channon to be present. The Treasury have said that, although they wish to be consulted over the discussion paper, they do not believe that there is any need for one of their Ministers to attend the seminar.

This is more than we have worked before. It would be difficult

The backbenchers have been chosen to represent a reasonable spread of opinion on South Africa within the Party. We have taken account of advice from the DTI in selecting the businessmen. Commercial Union, Bestobell, BP, Standard Chartered and GKN all have sizeable investments in South Africa, as well as investments elsewhere in Africa. All five report under the EC Code of Conduct. On the academic side Dr Barber has written a number of important works on British foreign policy and on Southern Africa and has a high reputation as a speaker and a television commentator in South African matters. Mrs Merle Lipton is a South African-born British lecturer who put in a good performance at a recent FCO seminar on Southern Africa, as did Professor Spence. The views of these last two are slightly left of centre.

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If the Prime Minister would be prepared to widen the categories of participants, a livelier debate would perhaps

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be stimulated by the inclusion of Simon Jenkins of 'The Economist', who has written some perceptive and well-informed articles on Southern Africa, and by a representative of the Church. Reverend John Johansen-Berg is probably the most articulate and sensible of the clerical lobbyists in favour of sanctions against South Africa.

The Treasury have advised us that the Bank of England should be consulted in the preparation of the discussion paper over the financial repercussions of some of the 'voluntary measures' against South Africa currently under consideration in the United States and elsewhere. It occurs to us that the Bank might also lend its expertise to the seminar (the Prime Minister may perhaps prefer that the Bank's representative should be present throughout the day rather than just in the morning).

I am copying this to John Mogg (DTI) and Mr A M Ellis (Economic Secretary, HM Treasury).

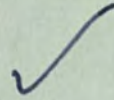
Yours ever,
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PS We have just heard from the DTI that Mr. Tebbit feels strongly that Mr Channon should be accompanied by a DTI official. Their nominee would be Mr Christopher Roberts, Deputy Secretary.

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List of Suggested ParticipantsIn House Government

1. The Prime Minister
- ~~2. PS/No 10~~
2. The Foreign Secretary
3. Mr Rifkind
4. Mr Channon, Minister for Trade at the Department of Trade and Industry
5. ~~Mr Stewart, Economic Secretary at the Treasury~~
Sir A Acland
8. Mr Fergusson

Outsiders

9. The Rt Hon Julian Amery MP
10. Robert Jackson Esq MP
10. Bowen Wells Esq MP
12. Mr Anthony Loehnis (Bank of England: Executive Director Overseas Division)
13. Mr A B (Sandy) Marshall (Chairman UK/South Africa Trade Association; Chairman, Commercial Union; Chairman, Bestobell)
14. Mr Patrick Gillam (International Director, British Petroleum Co Ltd)
15. Lord Barber (Chairman, Standard Chartered Bank)
16. Sir Trevor Holdsworth (Chairman, GKN)
17. Dr James Barber (Master of Hatfield College, University of Durham)
18. Professor Jack Spence (Department of Politics, University of Leicester)
19. Mrs Merle Lipton (Lecturer, University of Sussex)
- ~~19. Mr Simon Jenkins (The Economist)~~
- ~~20. Reverend John Johansen-Berg (British Council of Churches)~~

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