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*From the Private Secretary*

24 July 1985

I have been asked by the Prime Minister to enquire whether you would be prepared to join a small group of Ministers, Members of Parliament, businessmen, academic experts and officials at Chequers on Friday 13 September to discuss policy towards Southern Africa.

We propose that the group should assemble at Chequers at 1000 that day. The discussion would take up the whole of the morning and continue over lunch, ending at about 1400/1430.

Since Chequers is not altogether easy to reach by public transport, we shall arrange overnight accommodation at a nearby hotel for the night of 12/13 September for those participants who so wish. All accommodation and travel expenses will, of course, be reimbursed.

The Prime Minister would much appreciate it if you were able to take part. It would be helpful to know fairly soon whether you can do so. If you prefer to reply by telephone, the number to ring is (01) 930 4433. Please ask for Mrs. Goodchild. Further details about the meeting, together with a discussion paper, will follow in early September.

This letter is marked "PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL" because we should prefer knowledge of the meeting to be confined to the participants themselves.

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