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Dear Len,

UK POLICY TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA

You sent me a copy of your letter of 19 July to Charles Powell. I have also seen a copy of Charles' reply of 22 July.

2 The Secretary of State agrees that further studies should be made to assess the UK's policy towards South Africa, and that these should take account of the wider background, as the Prime Minister has proposed. My Secretary of State would like all options to be considered without prejudice to the final outcome of the studies. Officials here are ready to contribute to these studies.

3 I am sending copies of this letter to Charles Powell (No 10), Rachel Lomax (Treasury), John Bartlett (Bank) and Geoff Dart (DoEn).

Yours sincerely,

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