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Security

MR. WRIGHT

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Counter Terrorist Exercise

The Prime Minister has seen your minute to me of 11 May about exercise GASLIGHT. She has decided not to visit the exercise.

MICHAEL ALEXANDER

14 May 1981

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Prime Minister

See Mrs Stephens' minute below. Leave
it this time? Yes
no And

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MR ALEXANDER

Counter Terrorist Exercise

A major counter-terrorism exercise, code-named GASLIGHT, will be held from 18 to 20 May. This exercise will be the second in the series, which started with exercise MARTOCK in July 1979 (which the Prime Minister visited), designed to test the Government's capability for military intervention overseas in a terrorist incident (Operation PULPIT).

2. The Cabinet Office Briefing Room will be fully manned for this exercise throughout 18 and 19 May, and from morning until late evening on 20 May. Subject to the timetable for the Nationality Bill, Mr Luce will participate in the role of exercise Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary for part of the time, with officials taking over when necessary. Defence Ministers are also likely to participate.

3. Perhaps you would let me know whether the Prime Minister would like to visit exercise GASLIGHT.

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11th May, 1981

Mr Alexander

Not at all easy:-

18- Brighton
19th cd do it late not
right but Women Conference
next day also time
for speech. Cf. 12/5.

P.J.

very early Tuesday
19th ie 0730 or 0800?
but very bad week.