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Prime Minister

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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15 May 1981

Agree not to see Governor
Carey? Apart from anything
else, your diary is already
very crowded on Wednesday and
Thursday.

Dear Michael

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Just not possible
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Possible Call on the Prime Minister by Governor Carey of New
York State

You will have seen from Washington telegram number 1488,
of which I enclose a copy, that Governor Carey's staff
have enquired whether the Prime Minister would be
able to see him on his way back from a visit to Israel
between 20 and 22 May.

Provided that the Prime Minister does not
wish to put across our case on Northern Ireland to
Governor Carey personally (and we see no need for this),
Lord Carrington agrees with Sir Nicholas Henderson's
recommendation that the Embassy in Washington be authorised
to let Carey's staff know that the Prime Minister
would be unable to see him.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Stephen Boys-Smith
(Northern Ireland Office).

yours ever

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NORTHERN IRELAND: GOVERNOR CAREY

1. GOVERNOR CAREY'S STAFF HAVE TOLD US THAT HE EXPECTS TO BE IN LONDON BETWEEN 20 AND 22 MAY ON HIS WAY BACK FROM A VISIT TO ISRAEL. THEY HAVE SOUNDED US (BEFORE THE PRIME MINISTER'S REPLY TO THE FOUR HORSEMEN WAS DELIVERED) ON WHETHER, IF THE GOVERNOR ASKED TO SEE THE PRIME MINISTER, THE REQUEST WOULD BE LIKELY TO BE SUCCESSFUL. THEY MADE IT CLEAR THAT CAREY WAS NOT INTERESTED IN MEETING OTHER MINISTERS.

2. THE PRIME MINISTER'S REPLY TO THE FOUR HORSEMEN DEALS FULLY WITH CAREY'S CONCERNS ABOUT NORTHERN IRELAND, AND, INCIDENTALLY, WITH HIS SEPARATE MESSAGES TO YOU AND TO THE PRIME MINISTER. IN VIEW OF CAREY'S APPARENT RELUCTANCE TO MEET MINISTERS OTHER THAN THE PRIME MINISTER I CONCLUDE THAT HIS MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO ENHANCE HIS OWN POLITICAL STANDING RATHER THAN TO HAVE A REASONED DISCUSSION ON NORTHERN IRELAND. UNLESS THEREFORE THE PRIME MINISTER WISHES TO PUT ACROSS OUR CASE TO CAREY PERSONALLY, I RECOMMEND THAT WE BE AUTHORISED TO LET CAREY'S STAFF KNOW THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SEE HIM.

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20 May 1981

Possible Call on the Prime Minister by
Governor Carey

As I told you on the telephone this morning, the Prime Minister accepts the advice of the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary contained in Roderic Lyne's letter of 15 May to Michael Alexander that Governor Carey's staff should be told that she is not able to see him when he is in London in the latter half of this week.

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