

MR. BUTLER

cc Mr. Rickett

Debate on the Franks Report

When the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary called on the Prime Minister today he expressed the view that, on the assumption that the debate on the Franks Report lasted for two days, it would be wrong for the Prime Minister not to be supported by Front Bench spokesmen. He believed that a MOD Minister should speak at the end of the first day and that he himself should open on the second day. Mr. Pym emphasised that he considered it important that a FCO Minister should speak during the debate.

The Prime Minister neither accepted nor rejected these ideas.

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