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THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January 1983

Dear Michael,

Thank you for your letter of 13 January.

I hope to be able to let you have a copy of the Franks Committee Report at midday on Monday 17 January and to publish it at 4.30 pm the following day.

As regards the statement accompanying publication of the Report on Tuesday, I think that the House will expect me to describe briefly the ground covered by the Report and its main conclusions. I understand that your view is that such a statement should be made orally, and I agree. I propose therefore to make an oral statement including the suggestion that we should have a very early debate on the Report.

Yours sincerely

Royce Whalley

The Right Honourable Michael Foot MP



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The Office of the
Leader of The Opposition

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Dear Margaret

Thank you for your letter of 7 January and for your agreement to discuss with me on a Privy Counsellor basis, the arrangements for publishing and debating the Franks Report.

Of course I would like to see a copy of the report as soon as possible and would appreciate it if you could now inform me when that will be. I am also unclear from your letter about your suggestion that any substantive comment on the report will be deferred until the debate. Perhaps you could let me know whether you intend to make an oral statement on the day the report is published.

M. Thatcher

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP

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