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From the Private Secretary

18 November 1983

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The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's minute of 17 November was discussed at a meeting here this morning which was attended by, in addition to Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Raison and officials.

The Prime Minister agrees:

- (a) to use the Restricted Session following the opening ceremony to press for a shorter and more readable communique;
- (b) on Grenada, to follow the line in paragraph 2 of the paper attached to the minute;
- (c) on the security of small states, to avoid initiating in plenary sessions any discussion of this problem;
- (d) on Southern Africa and Namibia, to follow the approach in paragraph 5 of the paper. (The Prime Minister has no intention of pressing the United States to drop their insistence on the departure of Cubans from Angola.);
- (e) on world economic issues, to follow the line in paragraph 6 of the paper;
- (f) on functional co-operation, the Commonwealth Foundation apart, to resist any increase in the Secretariat's expenditure in real terms.

New material was commissioned at the meeting for the Prime Minister's opening address. I spoke after the meeting to Sir Antony Acland and Sir John Leahy who have this in hand. I should be grateful if a fresh draft could reach me by 6.00 pm this evening.

It was agreed that the Cabinet Office would ensure that a further brief would be provided describing the measures of trade

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protection taken by the various Commonwealth countries.

37/ The Treasury undertook to supply a note on those Commonwealth countries which face severe debt problems.

As I told Brian Fall early this morning, the Prime Minister has now decided to invite the OECS leaders to lunch in Delhi on Tuesday, 22 November. I should be grateful if you could make the necessary arrangements.

I am copying this letter to John Kerr (HM Treasury), Michael Power (Overseas Development Administration) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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