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Dear Murdo,

DEBATE ON AIRPORTS POLICY, MONDAY 17 JUNE

Chris Roberts suggested that I should write to propose a precise form of words for the Government's Motion on airports policy which is to be debated in the House on Monday 17 June. My Secretary of State suggests that the Motion should be:

"That this House approves the Government's White Paper on Airports Policy, Cmnd 9542."

This corresponds closely with what Mr Biffen said about the form of the debate in Business Questions on 6 June, following discussion in Cabinet earlier that day.

I understand that you will be arranging for the Motion to be put down tomorrow or Thursday; and that it is now settled that the Debate will run until midnight.

We have heard from Lord Denham's office that there is some pressure for the Lords Debate on Airports Policy to take place in July rather than in the autumn as had previously been suggested. My Secretary of State would welcome an early debate in the Lords. The wording of the Motion in the Lords can be decided nearer the time, in the light, inter alia, of reactions to the Commons Debate.

I am copying this letter to Tim Flesher at No 10, Alison Smith in the Lord Privy Seal's office, David Beamish in Lord Denham's office and to Neil Kinghan in Mr Gow's office.

Yours,
Richard.

R A ALLAN
Private Secretary

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