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Dear Charles,

CHOGM: South Africa

You wrote to Peter Ricketts yesterday about two points which arose during the Prime Minister's briefing meeting and which required follow up.

The first concerned the idea of a Commonwealth Liaison Group (a number of our posts have now advised that because of the jaundiced view taken by the Front Line States of the Namibia Contact Group, we should not use the term 'Contact Group'). I enclose a note setting out our ideas on ways of developing the suggestion for a "Commonwealth Programme for a Non-Racial, Democratic South Africa" which the Foreign Secretary put to the Prime Minister in his minute of 4 October. I also enclose a line for Ministers to take if asked to develop these ideas further at CHOGM. Finally, I attach a note on other similar ideas which are under consideration (and may be proposed) by other Commonwealth countries.

I have already sent across separately a copy of Paul Johnson's article which appeared in last month's "Commentary". I think that must be the one to which you referred in your letter.

Yours ever,

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