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From the Private Secretary

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I should record that the President of the Maldives called on the Prime Minister at Lyford Cay on 19 October. He raised two matters. The first was preferential access for Maldives tuna fish to the EEC. President Gayoom explained that Maldives had wanted to join the Lome Convention but had been rebuffed. He was not particularly fussed about that, but did very much need preferential access for 6000 tons (I think) of tuna fish.

The second problem concerned a new hospital being built in Maldives. This was nearly complete but certain equipment was badly needed and the United Kingdom was in a position to supply it.

The Prime Minister said that she would look into both matters on her return to London and write to the President.

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