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[TEXT] FOLLOWING FOR AMBASSADOR FROM MR CHARLES POWELL
PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER

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Your telegram number 414 to the FCO: South Africa's
reactions to the Commonwealth accord.// The Prime
Minister is very anxious that President Botha should
understand that the Commonwealth is not proposing that
discussions on reform should be completed within a
set timescale, only that the Commonwealth itself will
review progress after six months. (Though of course
we hope that the South African Government will have
taken some significant and identifiable steps in that
period).

/ The Prime

The Prime Minister also hopes very much that President Botha will continue at least to reserve judgement on the proposed Commonwealth mission. It would be very damaging indeed to her position and to all that she has worked hard to achieve at this meeting if he were to rebuff the mission.

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I should be grateful if you could take ^a ~~any~~ opportunity to get these points across to President Botha.

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