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From the Private Secretary

30 November 1983

CHOGM

In your letter of 15 November you recommended that we should try to arrange bilateral meetings between the Prime Minister and certain Commonwealth leaders; you also recommended that Mrs. Thatcher might speak privately to certain other Commonwealth leaders.

As you will know, the fact that the Goa retreat was turned into a communique drafting session took up much of the time which we had hoped would be available for bilateral talks. In the event, the Prime Minister only had substantial talks with Mr. Mugabe, Mr. Hawke, Mr. Lee Kuan Yew, Mr. Jayewardene and (though less substantial) with President Shagari. I have written separately about all these conversations.

Mrs. Thatcher did of course have many private conversations with Commonwealth leaders in New Delhi but these related mostly to the work of CHOGM and I do not propose to record what passed.

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