



10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Principal Private Secretary*

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

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ATTRIBUTION IN CABINET AND CABINET COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Prime Minister discussed with you this morning your minute of 2 November (A084/2937).

BF | The Prime Minister said she would be grateful if you could look again at your draft minute to members of the Cabinet Secretariat with a view to tightening the rules about attribution and also to shortening the records of Cabinet and Cabinet Committee discussions. In particular, the Prime Minister thought that there should not be attribution apart from exception (1) in your minute when a discussion ended in a collective decision. Reservations should only be attributed to particular Ministers if they were exercising their right to take the issue to another Committee or to Cabinet or, in the case of Cabinet, the dissenting Minister had indicated his intention to resign.

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