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From the Private Secretary

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SOUTH AFRICA

I should record that Sonny Ramphal told me yesterday that he was proposing to visit Zambia very shortly to talk to President Kaunda about his recent statements threatening to leave the Commonwealth if the United Kingdom did not agree to sanctions against South Africa. Statements of this sort were very counter-productive, and he hoped to discourage Kaunda from saying anything further on the subject. He would also be going to Delhi to see Rajiv Gandhi with the same aim in mind. Ramphal went on to say that he would like to see the Prime Minister in the week beginning Monday 7 July before she in turn met Mr. Mulroney. I said that I thought this could be useful and would look for a space in the diary.

(Charles Powell)

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