

PRIME MINISTER

SOUTH AFRICA: TELEPHONE CALL TO MR LUBBERS

I have arranged with Mr Lubbers' office that you will speak to him at 1015.

I enclose a note of the Foreign Secretary's conversation today with Mr Van der Broek.

I suggest you make the following points:

- (1) You were grateful for the way in which discussion of South Africa was handled by the Dutch Presidency at the last Foreign Affairs Council.
- (2) You hope that discussion at the European Council will focus on positive measures. That means principally more aid for blacks in South Africa.
- (3) You also want to see the European Council take a diplomatic initiative by sending a mission to South Africa, to look for ways to break the present impasse.
- (4) There also need to be extensive consultations with the US and other Economic Summit Seven countries.
- (5) Decisions on negative/punitive measures should not be taken while these other steps are being tried. This would greatly help your position vis-a-vis the Commonwealth.
- (6) You believe that you will have some powerful support for this approach.
- (7) You want him to be under no illusion: you will not be ready to agree to measures proposed by the

Presidency such as a ban on fruit and vegetables or on coal. You want to avoid a row. This is best done by deferring decisions.

C.D.P

Charles Powell

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