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From the Private Secretary

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SOUTH AFRICA

As general background for dealing with questions in the House about South Africa, and subsequently for the meeting of certain Commonwealth Heads of Government in early August, the Prime Minister would find it helpful to have some facts and figures on:

- (i) Countries in the Commonwealth which currently have or recently have had states of emergency;
- (ii) The number of Commonwealth countries which are one-party states;
- (iii) Commonwealth countries - and indeed some non-Commonwealth ones - where large numbers of deaths have resulted from clashes between the security forces and the local population;
- (iv) Examples where sanctions have been applied and been shown to be ineffective. (I recall that there is an authoritative work by one Renwick on this subject.)

I know that the Office are anxious that the Prime Minister should not lay about her too freely with this sort of information. I do not believe that is her intention. But it would be useful to have a few choice examples for calculated use. It would be helpful to have them as soon as possible.

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