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From the Private Secretary

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SOUTH AFRICA: FOREIGN SECRETARY'S VISIT

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The Prime Minister has asked what the Foreign Secretary plans to say about the future of his mission when he leaves South Africa after his second meeting with President Botha tomorrow. While the precise terms of any statement cannot of course be decided until after that final meeting takes place, the Prime Minister would like to underline the importance of confirming that the mandate of the Twelve for the mission runs until the end of September, and the fact that there are important events in South Africa in August (the Nationalist Party convention and the extraordinary session of the South African Parliament) which will need to be taken into account when the Twelve come to review their position. She hopes, therefore, that whatever is said about the progress (or lack of it) of the mission so far, the Foreign Secretary will make clear that further contacts with the South African government are envisaged in September.

I am copying this letter to Michael Stark (Cabinet Office).

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