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From the Private Secretary

21 June, 1982

GENERAL LIGHTHOUSE AUTHORITIES: A PUBLIC

INQUIRY

The Prime Minister was grateful for your Secretary of State's undated minute received here on 18 June about the arrangements for the provision and financing of lighthouses around the British Isles.

The Prime Minister is against the proposal to set up an independent inquiry into these arrangements. She feels that the Inquiry will lead to the setting up of a new expensive bureaucracy, which would cost far more than the three existing bodies.

I am sending copies of this letter Michael Collon (Lord Chancellor's Office), John Kerr (HM Treasury), Brian Fall (FCO) Mike Hopkins (Northern Ireland Office) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

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