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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Hugh,

Sikh Extremists: Damage to Indo-British Relations

In my letter of 15 April summarising follow-up action to the Prime Minister's recent visits abroad, copied to you, I asked for a further report with no action taken on it in the meantime.

The Prime Minister has now looked again at the Home Secretary's letter of 29 March to the Foreign Secretary about this case and has said that she wishes to discuss it urgently. I shall be in touch to fix a date but it will be helpful to have the note requested as soon as possible. The Prime Minister will want to know, in particular, whether there is not some degree of discretion in law or scope for using prerogative power. Another point which she would wish examined is the possibility of postponing a decision sine die

The Prime Minister has also asked for the fullest possible dossier on the statements made by Mr. Chauhan going back at least to last summer. I should be grateful if this could reach me before the weekend.

I am copying this letter to Len Appleyard (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

*Yours sincerely*  
*Charles Powell*  
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