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THE PRIME MINISTER

27 April 1981

Dear Lord Allen,

In the light of the advice of Lord Diplock and following consultation with the Leader of the Opposition I announced in the House of Commons on 26 March my decision (in accordance with the procedures announced in 1969) to ask the Security Commission to review the security procedures and practices currently followed in the public service and to consider what, if any, changes are required.

I am most grateful that you have agreed to serve on this inquiry with Lord Diplock and Lord Bridge of Harwich.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

The Lord Allen of Abbeydale, G.C.B.

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7 April, 1981

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6 April 1981

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I am writing separately to Lord Bridge, who, I understand, has agreed to serve with you on this inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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The Rt. Hon. The Lord Diplock.

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From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

SECURITY COMMISSION

I attach, for your information, a copy of Lord Allen's reply to the Prime Minister's letter of 27 April 1981 inviting him to serve with Lord Diplock and Lord Bridge on the Security Commission's review of security procedures and practices in the public service.

JAW.

30 April 1981

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HOLLY LODGE,
ENGLEFIELD GREEN,
SURREY. TW20 OJP
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Dear Prime Minister

Thank you for your
letter of 27 April about the
remit to the Security Commission.

I shall be glad to
help in any way I can in
this important inquiry.

Yours sincerely

Philip Allen



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Prime Minister

A letter to Lord Allen
for your signature is below.

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MR. WHITMORE

Security Commission

Lord Diplock's original thought was that he would like to undertake the review of security procedures and practices currently followed in the public service, announced by the Prime Minister on 26th March, with Lord Bridge of Harwich but without any other member of the Security Commission. On further thought about the nature of the inquiry he came to the conclusion that it would be useful to add to his team a third member with direct experience of the operation of security procedures and practices in the public service, and he expressed the wish that Lord Allen of Abbeydale should be asked to join in the review. I approached Lord Allen, who has agreed to undertake it.

2. I think that it would be appropriate if the Prime Minister would agree to send to Lord Allen on her return a letter like those which she has sent to Lord Diplock and Lord Bridge. I attach a draft herewith.

RAH

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

15th April, 1981



DRAFT LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO
THE LORD ALLEN OF ABBEYDALE, GCB, HOLLY
LODGE, ENGLEFIELD GREEN, SURREY,
TW20 0JP

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Prime Minister.

We have heard that
Lord Dwylock would like a
letter from you asking him to
undertake the carrying out
security procedures in the public
service.

I accordingly attach
for your signature letters to
him and Lord Bridge.

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Prime Minister

Please sign letter to Lord
Bridge.

S.J. Pike

6.4.81



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MR C A WHITMORE

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SECURITY COMMISSION

I understand that Lord Diplock would like to follow precedent and formally to be invited to take charge of the Security Commission enquiry announced by the Prime Minister on 26 March.

... I therefore attach draft letters for the Prime Minister to send to Lord Diplock, and to Lord Bridge, who will be working with him, which follow the usual pattern.

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I am sending a copy of this minute to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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IAN BANCROFT
1 April 1981

Letters in the box
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DRAFT LETTER TO LORD DIPLOCK

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/1/81

TO: SAC, [illegible]

FROM: SA, [illegible]

SUBJECT: [illegible]

2 APR 1981

