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NOTE FOR THE FILE

DISCUSSION WITH LORD PLOWDEN ABOUT POLICE PAY

Colin Walters in the Home Office telephoned today to apologise for not having offered advice earlier about the timing of the Prime Minister's proposed meeting with Lord Plowden.

Mr. Walters said that it would be awkward at the moment for such a meeting to take place, given that the Home Office were preparing their new proposals on the future pay regime for the police. The Home Office would much prefer that the Prime Minister defer the meeting for the time being.

I said that the idea of a meeting, which had been glancingly raised during the Prime Minister's last dinner with a number of industrialists, including Lord Plowden, had been shelved. At the time that the proposal was put forward, the Prime Minister's diary made it impossible to go ahead. Her holiday in Switzerland then intervened, and now we have diary problems again, and the trip to the Far East. Lord Plowden has not approached me, and in these circumstances I think it best not to pursue the idea.

MS.

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