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FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY

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BRUNEI AND MALDIVES BILL

I have seen your memorandum OD(84)12 about the content and timing of the proposed Brunei and Maldives Bill.

- 2. Subject to QL's agreement to the inclusion of the Maldives in the Brunei Bill, I am entirely content with your proposals.
- 3. Copies of this minute go to the other members of OD.

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From the Private Secretary

9 April, 1984

BRUNEI AND MALDIVES BILL

The Prime Minister has seen the Memorandum of 3 April by the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary contained in OD(84)12. Subject to any comments by other members of OD she is content with what is proposed.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Private Secretaries to the other members of OD, and to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).



P. Ricketts, Esq., Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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PRIME MINISTER

BRUNEI AND MALDIVES BILL

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- 1. I have seen the Foreign Secretary's memorandum OD(84)12 asking for policy approval for the introduction of a Bill containing consequential amendments to UK legislation as a result of the admission to the Commonwealth of Brunei and Maldives. I have no objection to what he proposes or to the addition of the Maldives to the original proposal for the Bill. It seems to me that the Bill could well be suitable for Second Reading Committee procedure and introduction in the House of Lords, but we can consider that aspect when the Bill comes to Legislation Committee. I hope that it will be possible to prepare instructions speedily and to introduce the Bill at the beginning of next Session.
- 2. I am copying this to the other members of OD and Sir Robert Armstrong.

W.J.B.

JOHN BIFFEN 6 April 1984

