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*M. Butler to note  
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*My dear Robert*


COMMONWEALTH SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING, BARBADOS

1. The next Commonwealth Senior Officials Meeting will be held in Barbados from 12 to 14 December in preparation for the Heads of Government Meeting in Nassau next year. You will remember that before the last meeting of senior officials in Arusha in 1982, we agreed it would be sensible for the Permanent Under-Secretary at the FCO to take on the leadership of the British delegations to future meetings (your minute of 8 November 1982 to Robin Butler). The Prime Minister agreed with the revised arrangements which, in the event, took effect for the Arusha meeting (Robin Butler's minute of 9 November 1982 to you).

2. I am therefore planning to go to this year's meeting in Barbados, and will try to visit one or two other FCO posts in the region at the same time (probably Kingston, and Georgetown which seldom has a senior visitor). I should of course welcome any suggestions which you think we need to take into account in the preparation for the meeting. Perhaps we could have a word nearer the time.

*Yours ever,  
Antony*

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