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*From the Private Secretary*

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Afghanistan

Lord Cranborne has been in touch with the Political Office here to ask whether the Prime Minister would agree to a brief meeting with Engineer Izaak Ses-Haq. Apparently, Ses-Haq is Masoud's No.2 in the Panchu Valley. Lord Cranborne recalls that the Prime Minister did meet Commander Masoud when he was in England.

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I should be grateful for urgent advice. Apparently, Ses-Haq is in London only this week, and Lord Cranborne wants him to see the Prime Minister after Questions on Tuesday or Thursday.

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Robert Cranborne telephoned me on Friday.

He wondered whether the Prime Minister might agree to "shake the hand" of Engineer Izaak Ses-Haq. She did meet Commander Massud when he was in England - I think 2 summers ago - at the House of Commons after Questions. Apparently Ses-Haq is Massud's number two in the Panchu Valley.

He is in London this week. Would there be any chance of him seeing the PM after Questions? The contact I have been given is Mr Tim Cooper of the Afghan Support Committee - 379-7218, but Robert Cranborne would, of course, bring him along.

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