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*From the Principal Private Secretary*

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

RICHMOND YARD

The Prime Minister has considered further the future occupancy of Richmond Yard. She has agreed that ODA should move into the building. But she remains unconvinced that the present plans for the renovation and future occupancy of the old Home Office represent the most appropriate and economic use of the building. She would, therefore, like a full assessment of the plans for this building together with evidence that they are justified on cost and other grounds. More generally, she would like to know, together with their justification, of prospective changes in the disposition of Government Departments among the Whitehall estate in the foreseeable future.

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The Prime Minister would like this material to be produced soon, certainly by no later than early in the New Year, and before any further irrevocable decisions or actions are taken concerning the Whitehall estate.

I am sending copies of this minute to the Private Secretaries to the Lord President, Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, Chief Secretary, H.M. Treasury, Secretary of State for the Environment, Secretary of State for Education and Science, Secretary of State for Social Services, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and the Chief Whip.

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