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PRESS ARTICLES AND INTERVIEWS BY MINISTERS

Note by the Prime Minister

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The normal rules governing press articles and interviews by Ministers are set out in C(P)(79) 1, paragraphs 108-114.

2. In present circumstances greater freedom may properly be allowed. Ministers may give interviews to the press and, in accordance with precedent, when Parliament has been dissolved they may also write articles in any newspaper in prosecution of the Government's aims or in defence of its policy. No payment may, however, be received for such articles.

3. As soon as the Election is over, the normal rules will again apply.

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*From the Principal Private Secretary*

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

General Election: Procedures for  
Ministers

Thank you for your minute of 10 May (AO83/1327). The Prime Minister has approved the issue of the notes on use of official transport during the General Election and on newspaper articles and interviews. We will await further advice on the note on broadcasting.

FRLB

11 May 1983

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