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PRIME MINISTER

Norman suggests we should try to seek Roy's agreement to the Press Notice attached.

Norman thinks it goes much further than is really desirable, especially by the inclusion of the square bracketed words "the Government's" and "with direct access to the Prime Minister". He would like me to try to negotiate the text with Roy without these words. I think that would be a mistake. ✓  
We want Roy. Much better to put our cards on the table from the beginning rather than grudgingly make concession after ✓  
✓ concession. Ken tells me that Norman would agree with this approach if you thought it right. Norman insists that the press notice should issue from the DHSS and that he should handle the media briefing. I think this is right. Bernard will need some briefing, but the main weight ought to come from DHSS. ✓

*Agreed*

Norman also wants me to make clear that when I see Roy later today, I am coming on both his and your behalf. No problem there, I think. *Agreed m*

I have shown the text to Robert who is content, though he makes the good point that the word "Special" before "Adviser" ought to be omitted. "Special Advisers" are junior appointments and it is not in Roy's interest to get himself mixed up with them. Ken agrees and I would propose to suggest to Roy when I see him later today that this word should be withdrawn.

Do you agree that I should try to persuade Roy to accept the draft press notice, including the passages in square brackets?

Nigel Wicks

26 September 1986

DRAFT PRESS NOTICE

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**10 DOWNING STREET**

With the compliments of  
**MR N L WICKS**

*As handed to  
Sir Roy Griffiths*

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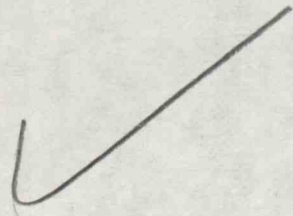
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Read to Debbie without bracketed words

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