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From the Principal Private Secretary

28 October 1986

MR. PETER WRIGHT'S MANUSCRIPT

The Prime Minister held a meeting today which was attended by the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Home Secretary and, for part of the time, by the Attorney General and Sir Robert Armstrong.

The Attorney General and Sir Robert Armstrong described the allegations in Mr. Wright's manuscript, certain of which might be suggested to have involved criminal offences.

After the Attorney General and Sir Robert Armstrong had left the meeting, the Prime Minister discussed the matter with the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Home Secretary. They concluded that it would be right for the Law Officers to consider whether to refer the manuscript to the Director of Public Prosecutions, so that he could review the allegations and decide what action if any to take on any allegations that he regarded as involving the commission of criminal offences.

Please would you inform the Law Officers accordingly.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Home Secretary, and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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Michael Saunders, Esq.,
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Draft letter from Nigel Wicks to
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Mr Wicks

This has been prepared jointly with Michael Saunders.

Copied to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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