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From the Principal Private Secretary

19 November 1979

Dear John,

PROFESSOR ANTHONY BLUNT

The Prime Minister discussed the Blunt case further with the Home Secretary, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and the Chief Whip at 1045 this morning.

They confirmed the decision which had been taken the previous evening to have a full day's debate on Wednesday of this week. The debate would be on the Motion "to discuss the case of Professor Anthony Blunt on the Adjournment". It was agreed that the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster should let the Speaker know of the Government's readiness to have a debate on Wednesday and then make a statement announcing revised business for the week later in the day.

I am sending copies of this letter to George Walden (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), John Stevens (Office of the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster), Bill Beckett (Law Officers' Department), Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office) and Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely,

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