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SOUTH AFRICA: DENIS WORRALL

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One or two points may be worth recording about events surrounding that meeting.

Dr. Worrall telephoned to ask for the meeting before his departure, on the grounds that he had never met the Prime Minister. He volunteered not to say anything about it publicly. He did not suggest that he would conceal it from his own government. But I wonder if he did, on two grounds:

- when he arrived at No.10 he said that he had that morning been speaking by telephone to Rusty Evans (now Pik Botha's Private Secretary) who sent me his regards. This suggests that he had told Evans that he would be seeing me at least.

- Mr. de Goede (whom I have never met) telephoned me last week to pass on a message from Worrall, to the effect that he was sorry that news of the meeting had become public. He wanted me to know that the South African Embassy had not been responsible for this.

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