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From the Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

The Prime Minister discussed with you yesterday the question of the copying in Departments of papers sent from No. 10 to Ministers' Offices. This arose in the context of enquiries about the leak of my recent correspondence with Mr. Cassidy in Mr. John MacGregor's Office (Department of Industry). Apart from the security dimension, the Prime Minister was concerned about the inefficiency of excessive copying, and she showed interest in the idea that there might be a Rayner Scrutiny of the issue.

The Prime Minister has since asked if you would make proposals to her for taking this matter forward.

Would you let her have a note?

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M.C. SCHOLAR

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