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From the Private Secretary

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VISIT OF CHINESE PREMIER

Colin Budd's letter of 23 May covering the briefs for Zhao Ziyang's visit proposed that the Prime Minister and Zhao Ziyang should sign two Agreements at the beginning or end of the first session of talks. I have discussed this with the Prime Minister who is content to do this. She proposes that the signature ceremony should be in the Pillared Room, in the presence of both Delegations. In order to attract press and television coverage it would need to be at the beginning of the talks. We will set up the room and be responsible for press arrangements. But we shall need advice, please, on the correct protocol for the signing. It would be helpful if those concerned could contact Tim Flesher (in my absence) next week to discuss details.

On a quite separate point, the Prime Minister understands that it is intended to take Zhao Ziyang to Cambridge by car. She does not think this sensible and wishes arrangements to be made to take him by helicopter, with departure from Regents Park or some other suitable site in central London (not the heliport). I should be grateful if arrangements could be made for this.

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