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From the Principal Private Secretary

14 May 1986

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This is to record my conversation this afternoon with Lord Hill-Norton in which he told me that his committee had decided to postpone the publication of and the press conference on their report until 29 May (with copies of the report being sent under embargo to the press on 23 May). Lord Hill-Norton explained that the committee had decided to delay publication of its report because he had only just received the Prime Minister's letter of 12 May. Incidentally, Lord Hill-Norton seemed very satisfied with her reply.

As we agreed on the telephone, MOD would now delay the announcement of the Committee of Inquiry into the Hill-Norton report until 29 May.

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