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CABINET OFFICE

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I agree with your minute of 9 September proposing that Ministerial discussion of arms exports to South Africa should be linked with OD's discussion of South African sanctions in general.

M. O'D. B. ALEXANDER

10 September, 1980

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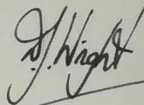
South Africa

In his letter of 27th August to Mr. Neilands in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, about the change in our guidelines relating to the United Nations embargo on the provision of arms to South Africa, Mr. Sanders mentioned that the Prime Minister might wish to have the problem considered further in the Ministerial Committee on Exports (EX).

2. Meanwhile it looks as if we shall fairly soon need a meeting of OD to consider the whole subject of sanctions against South Africa (Mr. Nott's letter of 8th September to Lord Carrington refers), on the basis of an interdepartmental study which is nearing completion at official level (MISC 43).

3. In his letter, Mr. Sanders did not specify when collective Ministerial discussion of the arms export point might be needed. It would seem natural to link it with OD's discussion of South African sanctions in general. The two subjects are related, though separate; and it would seem better to concentrate them both in OD, rather than dividing them between OD and EX. Do you agree?

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(D. J. Wright)

9th September 1980

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Mr. [Name]

Mr. [Name]

In his letter of 17th August to Mr. [Name] in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, about the change in our guidance relating to the United Nations embargo on the provision of arms to South Africa, Mr. [Name] mentioned that the Prime Minister might wish to have the previous confidential matter in the Ministerial Committee on Imports (EX).

1. [Name] is aware as it was dealt fairly, some need a recording of OD in [Name] the whole subject of sanctions against South Africa (Mr. [Name] of the Government to Lord Carrington talks), on the basis of an investigation, which is having completion at official level (EX).

2. In his letter, Mr. [Name] did not specify when collective Ministers [Name] of the same report might be needed. It would seem [Name] to link it with OD's discussion of South African sanctions in general. The subjects are related, though separate, and it would seem better to concentrate them both in OD, rather than dividing them between OD and EX. Do you agree?

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 (D. S. White)

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