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*From the Principal Private Secretary*

10 September 1982

Your letter of 7 September to Clive Whitmore was passed to me, since Clive has now left and I have succeeded him. I showed it to the Prime Minister and she would be delighted to see you in October/November. I am asking my Office to be in touch with yours to arrange a date.

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7 Sept 82

Dear Chris

As you will probably know, I take over the job of Chief of the Defence Staff on 1 October, although, of course and quite properly, Terry Levin will be doing the honours' with the Prime Minister at the Falklands parade on 12 October.

When all that has died down and after the Party Conference season is over, I wondered if it might be possible to come and see the Prime Minister for a short chat. There is nothing particular that I wish to see her about; but I was hoping that the excellent, close and fruitful rapport she established with Terry and to some extent all the Chiefs of Staff

Delivered me

Prime Minister

If you agree, I will find a date (John Nott thinks it a good idea).

during the Falklands crisis could to some extent, and in a lower key, be maintained.

I thought the Prime Minister might also find it useful at this stage to have a short general talk on Defence matters, so that she can make her views of her own views and perhaps have some opinion. The CDS is now in a better position to 'deliver' vis à vis the other Chiefs of Staff, than perhaps hitherto and I think to be one of the Government's principal advisers (usually high sqs) on strategic and Defence matters. She will be, through close acquaintance, & know how much weight she can give to that advice!

We talked about this briefly a few weeks back & you seemed to favour the idea. I will be spending a week with the Fleet in mid October & three days with the RAF later in the month, but there are plenty of days in <sup>late</sup> October & November & fit in with your office. Perhaps you could sometime let me know your own 'Division'.

With best wishes