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From the Private Secretary

4 September, 1984

IMPROPER ACTIVITIES BY MEMBERS OF THE
SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY

The Prime Minister has seen Sir Geoffrey Howe's minute of 3 September to the Home Secretary on this subject. Subject to the views of the Home Secretary, she is inclined to think that the action proposed by Sir Geoffrey is right.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Hugh Taylor (Home Office).

(C.D. Powell)

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Prime Minister
Agree?

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HOME SECRETARY

Improper Activities by Members of the South African Embassy

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4. I believe this action will register firmly with the South Africans our determination not to tolerate activities of this kind. Barnard's personal attitude has been correct and responsible. He has given every indication that he will keep a firm grip on his London office in future. He is our best hope for bringing incidents of this sort to an end.

5. I expect to see the new South African Ambassador during September and will express to him, as earlier agreed with you, our concern, alluding if necessary to this latest incident (of which he will presumably be aware by then, if he is not already). I shall tell him that we do not propose to seek publicity, but that if news breaks of the burglary and charges are brought, we shall have no choice but to give publicity to our action. However, I think it important that nothing be said in public unless there is publicity about the burglary, in order to avoid undesirable speculation about the source of our information.

6. I am sending a copy of this minute to the Prime Minister.

GEOFFREY HOWE

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

3 September 1984