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MR BUTLER

Hugo Young/Anne Sloman: Profile of the Prime Minister

Thank you for your minute of 29 <sup>pp's attached</sup> January.

2. Mr Young and Mrs Sloman told me some time ago that they had in mind a series of programmes profiling the Prime Minister. I made it clear to them then, and I remain of the view, that it would put serving civil servants in an impossible situation if they were to take part in such a programme and that I should have to advise against that. I said that I should not myself be prepared to take part.

3. I am sending copies of this minute to Sir Peter Middleton, Sir Clive Whitmore, Sir Michael Butler, Mr Williamson, Mr Ingham; and also to Sir Antony Acland and Sir Kenneth Stowe with a copy of your minute in case they are approached.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

31 January 1985