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What an incredibly  
poor letter! WBM  
GDM 19/7.

Dear Charles,

SEMINAR ON POLICY TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA

I have seen Colin Budd's letter of 4 July and your reply of 9 July.

2 We were consulted at official level about the list of businessmen proposed by the FCO and confirm our endorsement of the names put forward. The numbers of academics and journalists at the Seminar are likely to equal, if not exceed, the number of businessmen. While the former will be able to offer important insights into the problems of South Africa, they represent only themselves and their own judgements and do not share the same commitment and responsibilities to workforces both in the UK and in South Africa as do the business participants. Given the primary importance of our trade and investment links with South Africa, we believe that it is important that appropriate weight should be given in the Seminar to the views of their spokesmen.

Yours sincerely,  
Maureen Dodsworth.

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