

NOTE FOR THE RECORD

Having spoken to Peter Ricketts I rang Sir Laurens to explain that the Prime Minister thought it would be best to rely, after their long talks together, on his personal judgement in deciding what to say to the South African authorities later this month.

I said Sir Laurens would be aware that a major announcement by the South Africans was expected soon, perhaps next week. I said he might find it helpful, if there was time, to have a word with a Foreign Office official on the UK Government's reaction to the announcement. A Foreign Office official would contact him at the appropriate time.

told Lady Young's office 15/8/85
FCO will need to be approached on Thursday accordingly. Peter Ricketts agreed to let Lady Young's office know they could expect such an approach, *who* would then ask the appropriate official to ring Sir Laurens.

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