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Dear Charles,

Discussion Paper on Policy Towards South Africa

In your letter of 17 June <sup>PT 4 AH.</sup> you commissioned an unclassified discussion paper for the Prime Minister's seminar on policy towards South Africa on 13 September. This I now enclose.

The paper incorporates advice from the DTI, the Treasury and (on the recommendation of the Treasury) the Bank of England. It has been seen and approved (save for Section III) by the Foreign Secretary. Section III has been approved by Mr Rifkind. It is designed for the use of all the participants in the seminar. The aim is that it should stimulate discussion but leave the seminar to decide on the policy implications of the issues raised.

~~copy~~ As you will see, it does not attempt to address options for future policy. These will be covered in a separate classified paper to be circulated only to Ministers and officials attending the seminar. I shall be sending this to you shortly after the Foreign Secretary returns from leave next week.

A copy of this letter and attachment goes to Christopher Roberts (DTI), Roger Lavelle (Treasury) and Paul Mayes (Bank of England).

Yours ever,

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