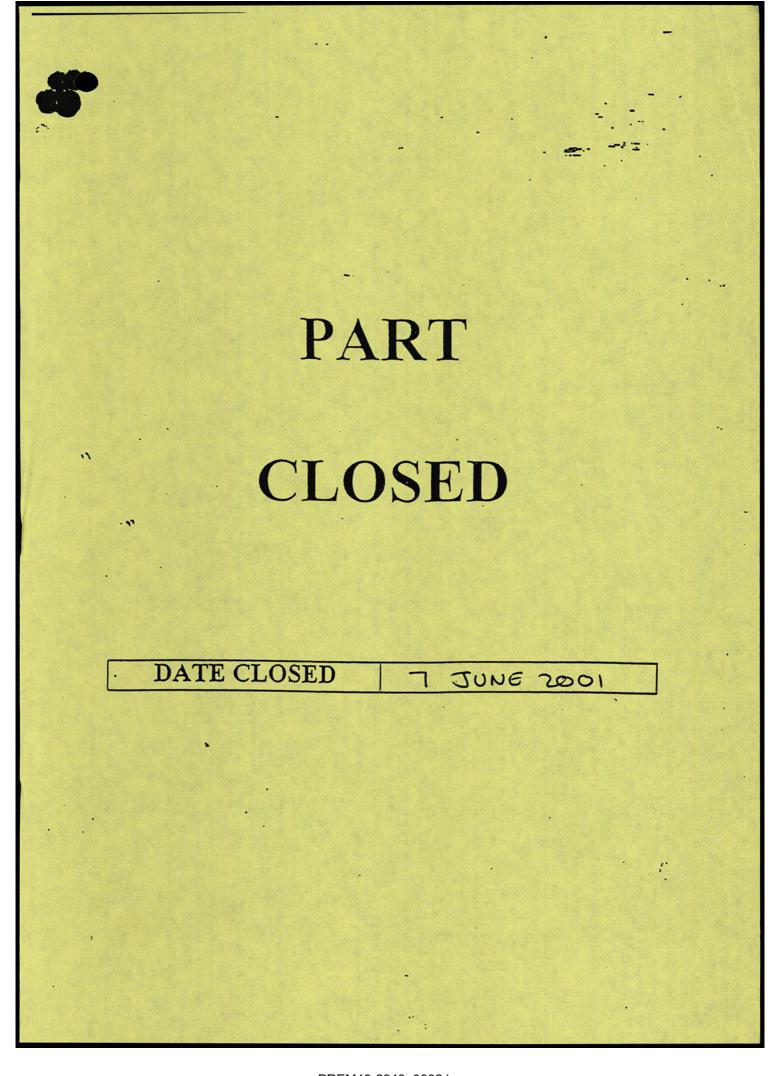
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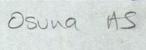
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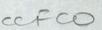
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From the Private Secretary

23 October 1997

The Prime Minister was very grateful for your Prime Minister's kind invitation to attend the Gala Reception to open the Exhibition of works of art from Trinidad and Tobago on 28 October.

Unfortunately, the Prime Minister is unable to attend the reception. Nevertheless, he very much looks forward to meeting your Prime Minister at the forthcoming Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Edinburgh.

PHILIP BARTON

Her Excellency Mrs. Sheelagh M. De Osuna

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GR3 - pls attach pps + then into ps letter to the HR HCr.

23 October 1997

Philip

Dear Philip,

Letter from the Prime Minister of Trinidad & Tobago

I attach a draft reply to Prime Minister Panday of Trinidad & Tobago for the Prime Minister's signature as requested in your letter of 13 October.

Unfortunately neither the Foreign Secretary, nor any other FCO Minister, is able to attend the Gala Reception. We also explored the possibility of a Minister from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport attending, but without success. We have, therefore, regrettably drawn a blank on Ministerial attendance.

your en, Dominick

(Dominick Chilcott)
Private Secretary

Philip Barton Esq OBE 10 Downing Street DRAFT LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO:

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The Hon. Basdeo Panday Prime Minister Republic of Trinidad & Tobago

The primer reported for your letter of 30 September inviting me to attend your Gala Reception to open the Exhibition of works of art from Trinidad & Tobago on 28 October 1997.

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the reception but very much looks forward to meeting you at the forthcoming Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Edinburgh.

