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House of Lords

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Wilson of Rievaulx KG OBE FRS

16 June. 1987

Dear Prime Minister.

I am writing to you about my private papers when Prime Minister, which are still being stored at No.10.

My publishers are anxious to organise the writing of an official biography, probably by Professor John Vincent, whom I think you know.

First, however, before any final decision is taken, I need to know exactly what papers are at No.10 and I wondered if one day I could come along, together with Lady Falkender, who is my sole literary executor, to look at them so that we may take a view about their future. Clearly it is high time they were moved, though I am afraid it is the case I shall have difficulties over doing so for some little time yet, as I have no resources or facilities to speak of to make it possible.

However, the first need is to look at them again and I hope, as I have said, that you will feel able to allow Lady Falkender and myself access to them at a time of course convenient for No.10.

With kind regards,

Yours,

Harold.

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.

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papers, but if this is not always practicable it is reasonable for him to have temporary custody of the papers provided the security of that custody and of the transit is satisfactory. If a former Prime Minister who is writing his memoirs employs a researcher who needs access to the official papers which are being made available it can be arranged for such papers to be seen by the researcher, provided that the Prime Minister of the day has been consulted.

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90. On taking up his duties the incoming Prime Minister's first priority will be the formation of a new administration. He will need to discuss with the Head of the Civil Service any changes he may wish to make in the machinery of government and with the Secretary of the Cabinet the size of the Cabinet. He will need advice in the first instance from the Private Secretaries (who may, in case of difficulty, need to consult the First Parliamentary Counsel) on the statutory limits on appointment and remuneration of Ministers. In addition he may wish to discuss Ministerial appointments with one or two senior colleagues but this is entirely a matter for the Prime Minister's own discretion.

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The outgoing Prime Minister usually leaves 10 Downing Street for the last time when he goes to the Audience. It is however customary for the prospective incoming Prime Minister to offer to his predecessor the use of Chequers for a few days. This can conveniently be arranged by the Prime Minister's Principal Private Secretary and the Secretary for Appointments (the latter because of his Chequers connection) as soon as the Audience has been announced. An official car and driver can be placed at the outgoing Prime Minister's disposal for the period while he is still at Chequers and for taking him to his next residence; and the new Prime Minister may wish to confirm at an early date the arrangement by which the Leader of the Opposition enjoys the use of an official car and driver on the same basis as a Cabinet Minister.

85. The increasing demands of security have made it necessary to be more strict about the change-over of cars. In March 1974 the official car brought Mr. Heath to Buckingham Palace, driven by the driver who had driven him as Prime Minister. While Mr. Heath was at the Palace, another car was brought and he was driven away by his old driver in a different official car. Meanwhile, Mr. Wilson's driver collected the Prime Minister's official car, and was at the Palace to drive Mr. and Mrs. Wilson back to 10 Downing Street after his Audience. In 1979, similar arrangements were made to allow the new Prime Minister and Mr. Thatcher to be collected from the Palace by their own driver in the official car in which Mr. Callaghan had been brought to the Palace by his driver.
86. The Queen receives certain outgoing Ministers - namely those who have Seals of Office - and would normally receive all Cabinet Ministers. It is a matter for The Queen's own discretion whether she sees other Ministers or not. The arrangements for such Audiences are made by The Queen's Private Secretary.
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92. The Prime Minister's appointment as First Lord of the Treasury should be included in the first Press Notice. The Prime Minister attends the first Privy Council meeting in person to be sworn as First Lord. The Prime Minister does not "kiss hands" on appointment in Council - unlike other senior Ministers - since he is presumed to have done so at his Audience. The Board of Treasury should be constituted as soon as the First Lord and the Chancellor of the Exchequer are appointed.

OFFICIAL MATERIAL IN PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

78. Before the First War it was the practice of outgoing Ministers to remove the contents of their private office files and consequently a good deal of official material found its way into private collections, which over a period have gravitated to public and institutional libraries. In 1934 the Cabinet decided that all Cabinet documents circulated to Ministers should, on their vacating office, be returned to the Secretary of the Cabinet. In 1945 Mr Churchill agreed that Ministers when vacating office might retain documents which they themselves had written, and a number availed themselves of this right. Since then it has been the practice of outgoing Prime Ministers to ask their colleagues not to take away any Cabinet or Cabinet Committee papers or minutes, or copies of other official documents (eg minutes, letters, telegrams and the papers of Boards and Committees) seen or used by them during their period of office. This appears to have some effect in reducing, as compared with the collections of pre-war and wartime leaders, the amount of official material in the private collections of former Ministers. Furthermore, the advent of the Public Records Act in 1958 and the appointment of Departmental Records Officers has enabled Departments to exercise closer control over the registration of private office papers and their recovery when Ministers vacate office.

79. Nevertheless, it would be unrealistic not to anticipate that some official papers, or papers with a degree of official character, will continue to find their way into the private domain, where they form part of a complete archive covering the Minister's personal and family affairs, his correspondence with friends and constituents, and his activities on the back benches and in opposition, literary work, etc. In the past, the Cabinet Office, usually with the consent of the Prime Minister of the day, have endeavoured to accept the position that an accumulation of papers which reflect the influence of a major public figure on his contemporaries, should not be broken up, but should if possible be allowed to be maintained intact. When such a collection remains in the custody of the Minister in his lifetime, it is generally unnecessary to take any overt action in respect of the official or quasi-official material which it contains. But problems can clearly arise in the event of its disposal by literary or other executors.

80. In some cases, prominent persons (Churchill, Avon and Mountbatten) have in their lifetime transferred the whole of their papers in their custody to a Trust which provides for their future safe-keeping; and in many cases, reputable institutions (such as the Imperial War Museum, and many university libraries

(including Churchill College, Cambridge) have offered to accept and preserve collections of public men. When the Cabinet Office is approached about, or becomes aware of, the intended disposal of these collections which may be assumed to contain an element of official material connected with an individual's period of office under the Crown, the Lord Chancellor's Department is normally consulted and endeavour made to reach agreement with the Trustees or the institution whereby such material can be properly safeguarded. As a condition of acquiescing in the keeping of collections intact, and complete with official papers, the Cabinet Office would endeavour to secure provision for -

- (a) their initial inspection by the appropriate DRO, supported by such other experts advisers as may be appropriate;
- (b) the establishment, with the DRO's advice, of the extent and nature of the 'official' content of the collection;
- (c) the safe custody accordingly of the papers, including the (possibly temporary) withdrawal of any documents having a high and still operative security classification;
- (d) restriction of public access to the official content for 30 years (or longer as may be appropriate);
- (e) right of access in the meantime for official purposes, including research by official historians;
- (f) the submission for official scrutiny of any text for which authorised access to the official content has been given (eg the "official" biography);
- (g) the undertaking on the part of a family Trust, the owners or executors, to keep the collection intact so that it may, so far as this may be possible, be opened in due course to public inspection at some suitable place in the United Kingdom.

81. In the case of the Chartwell Trust (Churchill) consideration was given, in pursuit of this last requirement, to appointing Churchill College, in accordance with the provisions of S.4 of the Public Records Act, as a place of

deposit. But as this imposed unacceptable conditions upon the College an alternative and more flexible arrangement was envisaged which would nevertheless embrace the requirements of (c)-(g) in paragraph 80 above.

82. The question of appointing an institution, such as a Museum or University library, as a place of deposit under S.4⁽²³⁾ was put to the Lord Chancellor (Lord Gardiner) in 1970, in the specific case of the Imperial War Museum's bid for the private papers of the late Field Marshal Lord Alexander of Tunis, which had been scrutinised and seen to be "public records" within the meaning of the Act. The Lord Chancellor ruled however that the Museum should not be appointed a place of deposit for those particular records. He went on to propose that the only general grounds for designating some place, other than the PRO, as an acceptable repository for public records would be where the records concerned were either -

i. Records of certain courts or certain semi-independent local bodies which were primarily of local interest; or

ii. Records of certain Government Departments, agencies of similar bodies which provided facilities for public access to their records and had established a case, normally on the grounds of research need, to continue to hold their records beyond thirty years; or

iii. Records demanding certain technical facilities for which the Lord Chancellor considered a place of deposit other than the Public Record Office could best serve the public interest.

83. None of these grounds existed in the case of the Imperial War Museum qua the Alexander papers, and the Museum were so informed. (23A)

84. The 1970 grounds, though not binding on any subsequent administration, have since influenced consideration of similar situations, including Churchill College's own later bid to take over the Alexander papers; and the official view has been consistent that grounds do not exist for academic and similar

(23) see Section on Access to Public Records, headed Records held in places of deposit.

(23A) Registry File

Needs revision
Must attend to
City not advised
Subsidiary
others have been made
place of deposit

institutions to be appointed places of deposit under S.(4) for the papers of former public figures, unless of course other considerations within Lord Gardiner's grounds (paragraph 82 i-iii above), were to apply. In any event it would be appropriate to consider the appointment of an alternative place of deposit only in respect of collections or parts of collections which were wholly public records which had been selected for permanent preservation.

85. Unfortunately this interpretation of S.4 of the Act has been misunderstood by some institutions - for example Churchill College who persisted in the erroneous view that the Lord Chancellor may simply appoint such as they as places of deposit not only for specified collection of records, but, by a more generous exercise of his powers, to appoint them as an institution with an open-ended charter to become a mini, provincial, PRO.

86. On occasions it has been necessary to remove with the concurrence of the owners or executors some highly sensitive records from the personal collections such as, for example, the extraction of certain documents in the field of atomic energy before the transfer of Lord Cherwell's papers to Nuffield College. This is not automatic but it is important that the responsibilities of Departments in considering this and other aspects of public interest eg the rightful location of unique public records as well as questions of national security or integrity, should not be frustrated when they deem it necessary to recover particular documents either permanently or temporarily. It needs always to be remembered that records which are the property of Her Majesty are public records and subject to the provisions of the Public Records Acts. It is only because in many cases the strict title of the Crown may have been extinguished through lapse of time or for some other reason, or because the precise status of the records is difficult to ascertain, that negotiations to permit private custody of these records are sometimes preferred to a more legalistic confrontation.

87. The foregoing deals principally with the papers of former Ministers, but the position is much the same for all senior Crown servants - civil servants, diplomats and in particular senior commanders of HM Forces in the field. Most of the known collections with which Departments have had to deal in recent years have been those of commanders in the field and have concerned the records of the Second World War and immediately afterwards for which it was possible to take a more tolerant attitude. New procedures introduced in 1966 should have enabled Departments to take a tougher line about 'strayed' documents, notably following recommendations of the Security Commission in their Report of July 1966 (Cmnd.3151)

requiring anyone leaving an appointment having access to classified information sign a declaration that he had surrendered all official documents made or acquired by him during the tenure of his appointment(s) save those which he has been authorised to retain.

88. In addition to Churchill (files 5/9 and 5/20), Avon (5/14) and Mountbatten (5/13), situations of official documents in private possession have arisen with -

Lord Cherwell	5/5	(<i>See F. Lindenmann</i>)
Lord Montgomery of Alamein	415/5	
Lord Alexander of Tunis	5/23	
Lord Watkinson	5/32	
Dr R V Jones	5/34	
Lord Waverley (Sir John Anderson)	5/28	
Lord Butler	5/37	

and others listed in the 5/ series of registered files.

89. The whereabouts of private collections of other Ministers' and Crown Servants' official papers, including diaries etc are conveniently listed in "Sources in British Political History, 1900-1951" Volumes I (Ministers) and 2 (other public servants) by Christopher Cook and others (Macmillan, London).



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

21 December 1984

(-L)) AT
c. Miss Andrews

No 10's list of
the Wilson papers.

SCP 26/3

Dear Harold,

Your Personal Papers

As we agreed, I am now sending you a list of the boxes we hold here, together with an index of their contents. We have measured them up again and there are 36 boxes, which measure 15"x12"x4": this would require some 13 foot of linear shelving.

You asked me about Parliamentary pensions. I think that the most helpful thing I can do is to send you a copy of the recent Act and of a note which summarises its provisions. If this does not answer your questions or if there is anything else which you want to know please do not hesitate to be in touch again.

With best wishes to Mary and you for Christmas
and the New Year,

Yours ever,

Robin.

The Rt Hon The Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, K.G., O.B.E.



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T & M Messages.

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- C19/ Private Secretary letters Oct 64 - June 67 (8i)
Prime Minister's 3rd carbons Oct (9a) - Nov - Dec 64
Prime Minister's 3rd carbons Jan-Feb-March 65 (9b)
- A11 Prime Minister's 3rd carbons April-Dec 1965
Prime Minister's 3rd carbons Jan-July 1966 (9c)
- C10 Prime Minister's 3rd carbons Aug-Dec 1966
Prime Minister's 3rd carbons Jan-Aug 1967 (9d)
- C16 Prime Minister's 3rd carbons Sept-Dec 1967
Prime Minister's 3rd carbons Jan-Sept 68 (9e)
- C15 Prime Minister's 3rd carbons Oct-Dec 68
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Prime Minister's original letters of Resignation
Messages to Mr. Wilson on retirement (Friends, Misc, Labour
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Letters of Regret (REM 6(2))
- A12 Speeches Sept 69 - June 70 (2)
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- C38 PM's speeches 1 May 1975 - 29 May 1975
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- C35 Speeches 30.1.76 - 16.3.76
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Speeches 30.5.75 - 6.6.75
- C36 Personal Papers: Lord Aberdeen; Accademia Artistica;
P. Binns; Lord Brabourne; R. Clare; Mrs. Crossman;
Cowan Dobson- D'Oyly Carte; A. Gibson; Mrs. Griffiths;
A. Haigh; Councillor Hall, Lady Harwood; Sir A. Hurst;
Liverpool University; Other Club; Royds Hall School;
Whinfrey; Bradford University.
Papers sent to Mrs. Wilson from Debt Collection Agency March 1975.
PM's 3rd carbons March 1975
PM's 3rd carbons (not taken by Mr. Wilson)

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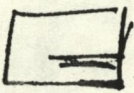
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C8 PM's speech at Economic Club N.Y. 15.4.65
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Opening 35th Congress FIFA 9.7.66
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TV - Economic Situation 20.7.66
Australian Club Dinner 12.7.66
Cavern Club, Liverpool 23.7.66
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(Washington)
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Statement Rhodesia CPMM 6.9.66
Speech Rhodesia CPMM 12.9.66
'This Week' Interview Rhodesia 15.9.66
'This Week' Interview Productivity 27.9.66
National Productivity Conference 27.9.66
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Ramsey MacDonald Centenary Lunch 17.10.66
UNESCO 20th Anniversary 19.10.66
Inauguration Scholes Housing 21.10.66
Development, Wigan
Association of Lancastrians Dinner 28.10.66
Bradford University 5.11.66
Party Rally Poplar Civic Theatre 11.11.66
Lord Mayor's Banquet 14.11.66
Debate on Europe-Winding up speech 17.11.66
Beveridge Memorial Lecture 18.11.66

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Churchill Banquet 30.11.66
Statement H/C Rhodesia 5.12.66
T.V. Broadcast. Rhodesia 6.12.66
British Insurance Association lunch 7.12.66
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Granada 'What the Papers Say' lunch 3. 1.67
'What the Papers Say' Awards 1966
lunch 3. 1.67
'Where the Power Lies' speech 10. 1.67
Rome. Lunch given by Signor Moro 16. 1.67
Vatican 17. 1.67
Statement to Press: Ciampino
Airport, Rome 17. 1.67
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Press Conference. Union Interallia
Paris 25. 1.67
Huddersfield General Hospital
Opening 27. 1.67

	British Caribbean Assoc.		
	Annual Dinner	28.	1.67
	Press Conference at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brussels	1.	2.67
	Brangwyn Hall, Swansea	3.	2.67
	Welcome - Kosygin	6.	2.67
	Speech at Dinner	7.	2.67
	Speech at Dinner at Soviet Embassy	8.	2.67
	Opening of Anglo Soviet Historical Exhibition at Victoria & Albert Museum	8.	2.67
	Farewell to Kosygin	13 29.	2.67
	Broadcast following Kosygin Visit	14.	2.67
	Opening of Newcastle Airport	18.	2.67
	Liverpool (Invite from Daily Mirror)	22.	2.67
	Press Conference at Hague	27.	2.67
RFC 1 PM's speech at	Greenford Hall, Greenford, Mddx.	3.	3.67
	British Socialist Agriculture Society	10.	3.67
	Luxembourg Embassy lunch (given by Luxembourg PM)	12.	3.67
	Interview "This Week"	16.	3.67
	Interview with Dr. Hunt, BBC 3rd programme	31.	3.67
	Labour Rally, Victoria Hall, Hanley	2.	4.67
	UN Association in Manchester	14.	4.67
	National Union of Journalists Diamond Jubilee Banquet	21.	4.67
	Annual Dinner Royal Academy of Arts	26.	4.67
	Opening of Hall of Residence, South Woodford	28.	6.67
	Opening of Queen Mary College, Hall of Residence, Woodford	28.	4.67
	Parliamentary Labour Party- Approach to Europe	27 28.	4.67
	Opening of Mancurian Way, Manchester	5.	5.67
	May Day Rally, Leeds Town Hall	7.	5.67
	H/C U/K Applications to join EEC Drafts of the White Paper	8.	5.67
	H/C Speech on Europe (Folder 1)	8.	5.67
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	National Union of General and Municipal Workers Claygate	17.	5.67
	National Conference of Labour Women, Southend	17.	5.67
	Parliamentary Press Gallery Dinner	19.	5.67
	CBI Annual Dinner	17 18.	5.67
A4 PM's Speech at	Parliamentary Labour Party	15.	6.66
	Memorial Lecture for Chuter-Eda	31.	3.66
	Third Congress. International Federation of Automatic Control	23.	6.66
	Emergency Powers Debate H/C Opening and Closing	28.	6.66
	Scottish TUC	22.	4.66
	Amalgamated Engineering Union, Eastbourne	29.	4.66
	International Federation of Agricultural Producers Conference	4.	5.66

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Gallery lunch H/C	11. 5.66
TV Broadcast	16. 5.66
Statement H/C	23. 5.66
Russo-British Chamber of Commerce	24. 5.66
Copies of speeches 16.10.64 to 26.2.65	
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- Mr. P.T.C. Price Prime Minister (June 1974)
 - The PM's Stamp Collection PM (Personal) (April 1974)
 - The Prime Minister's message to the Apostolic Delegation on the Death of Cardinal Heenan PM (Personal) (November 1974)
 - Is Capital Transfer Tax Payable on Books presented to the University of Bradford by the PM PM (Personal) (February 76)
 - PM Speech to British Academy in April 1975 PM (Personal) (December 1975)
 - Isles of Scilly Steamship Company Problems PM (Personal) (August 1974)
 - The PM sent a Memo to Lord Chancellor about Journalistic Malpractices. PM (Personal) (Sept 1974)
 - Roy Mason's Paper on Defence Matters for International Committee of the Labour Party. PM (Personal) (June 1974)
 - The Panov's sent a letter to PM. PM (Personal) (August 1974)
 - PM's Notes for Speech at World Sporting Club Dinner/Boxing Evening. PM (Personal) (October 1974)
 - PM's address at the Eve-of-Session Drinks Party PM (Personal) (October 1974)
 - The PM minuted Chief Inspector Warwicker about the Inquiry into Press Reports/Loss of PM's Tax Papers and the Land Deals Affair. PM (Personal) (October 1974)
 - The PM wrote to the wife of Archbishop of Canterbury, Mrs. Michael Ramsey, to apologise . . . PM (Personal) (November 1974)
 - The Prime Minister wrote to Nixon following his Resignation PM (Personal) (August 1974)
 - Lord O'Neill wrote to the PM PM (Personal) (May 1975)
 - David Frost wrote to the PM PM (Personal) (July 1975)
 - John Grant wrote to the PM concerning the Anti-Inflation Publicity Campaign PM (Personal) (August 1975)
 - Correspondence marked "Rem" by the PM. Personal Newspaper Cutting. PM (Personal) (July 1974)
 - The President of the USA sent the PM a set of Pipes. PM (July 1975)
 - Sir Joseph Stone brough the Lord Mayor Elect (Fox) to see the PM. PM (November 1974)
 - PM's Personal Correspondence with Charteris. PM (Personal) (September 1975)
 - The conferring of an Honorary Degree by Open University at Manchester. PM (January 1974)
 - The PM requested and received from Royal Library Historical Papers a) Tolpuddle Martyrs b) H/C PM (Personal) (April 75)
 - A Cashier at International Credit Bank Geneva (London Branch) told the Evening Standard PM intended to withdraw his account just before the Bank closed. PM (October 1974)

Invitation from the PM of Australia, Fraser, to PM to visit Australia after his retirement. PM (Personal) (March 1976)

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PM's speech at

Lord Butler's Installation as Chancellor of Essex University	20. 5.67
Annual Conference NUPE	22. 5.67
ETU Conference Margate	24. 5.67
Pilgrim's lunch, Savoy	25. 5.67
Debate on Middle East crisis.	31. 5.67
Welcoming ceremony, Ottawa	1. 6.67
Press Conference, Ottawa	2. 6.67
Press Conference, Washington	2. 6.67
Opening of Workington Pulp and Board Mill	9. 6.67
H/C Centenary Canadian Parliament	2. 5.67
U.M.I.S.T. Computing Centre	5. 5.67
Statement on Radcliffe Report H/C	13. 6.67
Second National Productivity Conference	14. 6.67
Opening of Davesbury Nuclear Physics Lab	16. 6.67
Yorkshire Miners Demonstration, Wakefield	17. 6.67
Interview. Granada TV	20. 6.67
Consultative Committee National Federation of Building Trades Employers	21. 6.67
H/C Speech during Debate on Radcliffe Report	22. 6.67
Stevenage Day Celebrations	1. 7.67
National Gas Turbine Establishment, Pyestock	7. 7.67
Llangollen Eisteddfod	8. 7.67
University of Bradford (congregation)	14. 7.67
10th Anniversary Dinner of Civic Trust	18. 7.67

C9

PM's speech at

Q4, Clydebank	21. 7.67
Unveilling of Plaque to Walter Bagehot	26. 7.67
Defence debate	27. 7.67
Opening of MacMillan Bloedel Meyer Timber Terminal, Newport	8. 9.67
New Office Buildings Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers at Liverpool	22. 9.67
Liverpool University (Jubilee celebrations of the John Rankin Chair of Geography)	22. 9.67
Panorama	25. 9.67
Party Conference, Scarborough	4.10.67
TV Tribute to Lord Attlee	8.10.67
New Engineering & Research Centre, Fords at Dunston, Essex	12.10.67
Press Conference, Visit to Northern Region	13.10.67
Motor Industry Annual Banquet	17.10.67
Luncheon Hedges & Butlers Cellars	18.10.67
Press Conference St. Enoch Hotel, Glasgow	19.10.67
Opening of Leo Schultz School in Hull	20.10.67
Tribute to Lord Attlee in H/C	23.10.67
Dinner for Dr. Kissinger	23.10.67
Party Rally Cambridge	28.10.67
Debate on the Address	31.10.67
Opening of Edlington Comprehensive School	10.11.67
Opening of Stocksbridge College	10.11.67
Lord Mayor's banquet (Briefing) and (speech)	13.11.67

C24	PM's speech at	Dinner for the Belgian PM	14.11.67		
		Port Industries Conference, Liverpool	17.11.67		
		Broadcast on Devaluation	19.11.67		
		BNEC Dinner	21.11.67		
		H/C Devaluation of £ and Econ. situation	21/22.11.67		
		This Week Interview	23.11.67		
		Press Gallery Luncheon H/C	29.11.67		
		New Research Laboratories, Kirby	1.12.67		
		Visit to Liverpool	8.12.67		
		H/C follow-up to Devaluation	18.12.67		
		Back Britain Campaign, Burnley	8. 1.68		
		Statement: Post Devolution Expenditure	16. 1.68		
		Cuts			
		Parliamentary Party Meeting	17. 1.68		
		Debate on Post-Devolution Expenditure	18. 1.68		
		Cuts			
		White House Dinner	8. 2.68		
		Face the Nation Broadcast, Washington	11. 2.68		
		50th Anniversary Women's Franchise	14. 2.68		
		Freedom of Borough of Huddersfield	1. 3.68		
		Parliamentary Party	6. 3.68		
		BIM Dinner	13. 3.68		
		Scottish Party Conference, Ayr	23. 3.68		
		Gala Meeting Status of Women Committee	27. 3.68		
		Rhodesia Debate	21. 3.68		
		Electrical Engineers Exhibition	27. 3.68		
		C25	PM's speech at	Dinner in aid of UN	3. 4.68
				Conlairs Industrial Estate, Glasgow	19. 4.68
				150,000th Council House in Glasgow	19. 4.68
				Scottish TUC Aberdeen	19. 4.68
				CENTO Meeting	23. 4.68
				Civic Function, Liverpool	26. 4.68
				May Day Rally, Birmingham	5. 5.68
National Union of Agricultural Workers,	5. 5.68				
Aberystwyth					
Visit to Bristol and Avonmouth	10. 5.68				
Trade Union Group of Labour MPs	13. 5.68				
Parliamentary Labour Party	15. 5.68				
Gandhi Statue at Tavistock Square	17. 5.68				
Centenary Year Royal Commonwealth Society	23. 5.68				
Assembly of Free Church of Scotland	25. 5.68				
TUC Centenary Day, Belle Vue, Manchester	1. 6.68				
Conference Banquet, Head Teachers Assn.	3. 6.68				
Plymouth					
TV Tribute to Senator Kennedy	6. 6.68				
Annual Picnic of Northumberland Miners	8. 6.68				
A8	PM's speech at			Design for Export Exhibition	10. 6.68
				Reception for the Young Volunteer Force	17. 6.68
				Foundation	
		Norwich Chamber of Commerce	21. 6.68		
		H/C Fulton Committee Report	26. 6.68		
		Interview with Tony Charlton, General	1. 7.68		
		Television, Melbourne			
		Signature of Non-Proliferation Treaty	1. 7.68		
		Pavilion, Newtown, Montgomery	6. 7.68		
		Bradford University speech	13. 7.68		
		Reception for Royal National Institute	17. 7.68		
		of the Blind			
		Dinner Party President Kaunda of Zambia	16. 7.68		
Durham Miners Rally	20. 7.68				

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Parliamentary Labour Party	25. 7.68
ITV lunch at Leeds for Opening of Yorkshire TV.	29. 7.68
Opening of Soviet Exhibition, Earls Ct.	6. 8.68
H/C Czechoslovakia	26. 8.68
Interview Scottish Television	25. 9.68
Dinner for Swedish PM	27. 9.68
Party Conference, Blackpool	1.10.68

RFC 2 PM's speeches
at

Interview on 'This Week'	3.10.68
Blackpool (end of Conference)	4.10.68
TV Interview Prior to Gibraltar Rhodesia talks	8.10.68
Statement on Rhodesia talks on HMS Fear- less	15.10.68
Debate on Rhodesia	15.10.68
Encyclopaedia Britannica Reception	15.10.68
Statement H/C Ministerial Changes (Social Services, overseas affairs etc)	16.10.68
Annual dinner Institute of Mechanical Engineering	17.10.68
Opening of National Giro, Bootle	18.10.68
Debate on the Address	28.10.68
PM's speech debate on the Address	30.10.68
Guildhall Banquet	11.11.68
H/C Civil Service Manpower	26. 2.69
BNEC Dinner	19.11.68
Debate on Fulton Report	21.11.68
Press Association Centenary Banquet	26.11.68
Bradford University	7.12.68
Civic Centre, Dunstable	13.12.68
Glasgow, Centenary of SCWS	14.12.68

A6 PM's speeches at

1969 CPMM	7-15. 1.69
Interview on Panorama	20. 1.69
Sunday Express Dinner	23. 1.69
Questions and Answers at Press Gallery Luncheon	27. 1.69
Second Reading Parliament Bill	3. 2.69
CSD Reception	6. 2.69
David Bruce/Pilgrims Dinner	18. 2.69
Arrival of President Nixon at London Airport	24. 2.69
Departure of President Nixon from London Airport	26. 2.69
Broadcast Interview with Leslie Smith	9. 3.69
Jewish Vanguard Dinner	10. 3.69
Dinner Prescott Labour Party	14. 3.69
Penzance	22. 3.69
Interview before Departure for Lagos	27. 3.69
H/C Nigeria and Ethiopia	2. 4.69
During visit to Nigeria and Ethiopia	-
Dinner for President Diiori	2. 4.69
Kirkby Urban District Council Dinner	11. 4.69
Memorial service Ex-President Eisenhower	14. 4.69
Parliamentary Labour Party	17. 4.69
Government Training Centre, Runcorn	18. 4.69
Ellesmere Port	18. 4.69
Kirkby	19. 4.69

C17 PM's speeches at	London Chamber of Commerce Banquet at Mansion House	21. 4.69
	London - May Day	4. 5.69
	20th Anniversary Council of Europe	5. 5.69
	Newspaper Society Dinner	6. 5.69
	Union of Post Office Workers Rally	11. 5.69
X	Professional Toastmasters lunch	19. 5.69 X
	Kenneth Harris interviews	20. 5.69
	McKenzie Interview, Britain Today	20. 5.69
	Daily Mirror Dinner, Factory Workers in Manchester	31. 5.69
	Dorchester Dinner, Lord Thompson	5. 6.69
	Dorchester Dinner, Lord Black	11. 6.69
	27th Annual Rally Yorkshire Labour Women, Barnsley	7. 6.69
	Shipbuilding Industry	6. 6.69
	Socialist International Congress, Eastbourne	16. 6.69
	Trade Union Group of Labour MPs	17. 6.69
	Parliamentary Labour Party Meeting	18. 6.69
	Broadcast, Industrial Relations	19. 6.69
	Wales: Aberfan/Bevan Blaue/Bedwelty	20. 6.69
	Beavan Interview Sunday Mirror	22. 6.69
	Dinner, Society of Labour Lawyers	27. 6.69
	Debate, Industrial Relations	3. 7.69
A17 speeches at	Visit to Sweden	4-8. 7.69
	50th Anniversary of Whitleyism	9. 7.69
	Bradford Degree Congregations	12. 7.69
	Durham Miners Gala	19. 7.69
	First Congregation of Open University	23. 7.69
	Frost Interview	25. 7.69
	Britain into Europe Banquet	29. 7.69
	President Nixon at Mildenhall	3. 8.69
	'24 Hours' Interview, N. Ireland	19. 8.69
	Interview N. Ireland ITN 'News at Ten'	19. 8.69
	101st TUC Portsmouth	1. 9.69
	Congress Material	1. 9.69
	International Statistical Institute Conference	4-10. 9.69
	Fabian/Oxfam Concert	14. 9.69
	Annual Conference Municipal Corporation Scarborough	17. 9.69
	Party Conference (speech and drafts)	30. 9.69
A15	Winding-up speech Party Conference	3.10.69
	Lobby Statement, Changes in Govt. organisation	5.10.69
	Statement to Lobby, Ministerial changes	12.10.69
	H/C Statement, Machinery of Govt. and Govt. responsibility	13.10.69
	Astronauts Dinner	14.10.69
	Gandhi Centenary Tribute	21.10.69
	Dinner of the British Committee International Chamber of Commerce	22.10.69
	Parliamentary Party	29.10.69
	Interview on Woman's Hour	4.11.69
	Address to Scottish Labour MPs	12.11.69
	Lord Mayor's Banquet	10.11.69
	Financial Times Dinner	11.11.69
	BNEC Annual Dinner	18.11.69

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Huyton Teachers Association	21.11.69
London Labour Mayors Annual Dinner	22.11.69
Daily Express Sportsman of Year lunch	25.11.69
Romanian PM's visit	24-27.11.69
50th Anniversary of ECGD	27.11.69
CBI-NFU Dinner Hyde Park Hotel	3.12.69
Foreign Affairs Debate	8-9.12.69

RFC3 PM's speeches
at

Reception for Children's Theatre	11.12.69
Party Meeting	16.12.69
Colne Valley H.S. Lirthwaite	7. 1.70
Welsh Party Rally, Swansea	10. 1.70
Panorama (Nigeria/Wages)	12. 1.70
Conference of European Journalists	13. 1.70
Dinner Prescott Urban District Council	16. 1.70
Dinner organised by Co-op Union	17.12.69
Statement, Uplands Airport, Ottawa	25. 1.70
Press Conference, National Press Building Ottawa	26. 1.70
Foundation on Automation and employment (New York)	26. 1.70
Opening Ceremony in Washington	27. 1.70
State Dinner, Washington	27. 1.70
Kalb. CBS Washington	28. 1.70
Press Conference British Embassy Rotunda Washington	28. 1.70
National Council of Women GB	2. 2.70
Trans-Africa Hovercraft Expedition Reception Banqueting House	4. 2.70
Party Reception, Co-op House, Nottingham	6. 2.70
Leyland National Factory, Lillehall	20. 2.70
Leyland National Co. Luncheon, Workington	20. 2.70
London Labour Party	21. 2.70
Interview, Howard 'World this Weekend'	22. 2.70
Debate on Europe White Paper	25. 2.70

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i's speech at

Dinner for Brandt - German Embassy	3. 3.70
Ratification Ceremony - Non-Proliferation Treaty	5. 3.70
Informal Reception for Party Workers - Digbeth, Birmingham	6. 3.70
Opening of New Birmingham Housing Trust Scheme	6. 3.70
Dinner Dance of Society of Yorkshiremen in London	10. 3.70
Guardian Young Businessman of the Year Luncheon at Mansion House	12. 3.70
Lunch in Roman Catholic Hall, Merthyr Tydfil	13. 3.70
Freedom of Borough of Merthyr Tydfil	13. 3.70
St. Patrick's Day Banquet, Liverpool	17. 3.70
Lancashire Constabulary H.Q. and Police Training School, Huyton Hutton	20. 3.70
Interview on 'This Week'	16. 4.70
Opening Ceremony Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College	10. 4.70
UN Association at York	18. 4.70
Opening of St. Cuthberts Village Housing Development, Gateshead	17. 4.70

RFC 4
i's speech at

Scottish TUC Conference Oban	22. 4.70
Memorial Service for Michael Halls	29. 4.70
Interview on BBC 'Sportsnight with Coleman'	30. 4.70
Centenary of Education Act 1870 - Westminster Exhibition	1. 5.70
L.W. -TV 'The Prime Minister at Chequers'	1. 5.70
Mayday Rally, Colston Hall, Bristol	3. 5.70
Cambodia (Indo-China Debate H/C)	5. 5.70
Labour Students Rally, Albert Hall, Manchester	8. 5.70
National Conference of Labour Women, Hastings	13. 5.70
Dinner. Variety Club of Great Britain	14. 5.70
Election Broadcast TV	18. 5.70
Election Broadcast BBC TV	18. 5.70
BBC TV Election Forum	28. 5.70
Eltham Green C.S. London SE9	30. 5.70
Party Rally, Top Rank Suite, Birmingham	3. 6.70
American Chamber of Commerce - Plymouth	5. 6.70
Film Industry Organisation Banquet	8. 6.70
NALGO Annual Conference Blackpool	10. 6.70
Frost Interview 'That Nation Decides'	19. 6.70
Dimbleby Interview 'Election 70'	19. 6.70
General Election speeches	June 1970
Bradford University Degree Congregation	11. 7.70
Tribute to Lord Boyd Orr	Sept 1970

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Third Carbons	April 1975
Third Carbons	June 1975
Third Carbons	October 1975
Third Carbons	January 1975
Third Carbons	July 1975
Third Carbons	August 1975
Third Carbons	September 1975

A14	Third Carbons	January 1976
	Third Carbons	April 1976
	Third Carbons	March 1976
	Third Carbons	February 1975
	Third Carbons	December 1975
C40	Third Carbons	February 1976
	Third Carbons	November 1975
	Third Carbons	December 1974
	Third Carbons	November 1974
	Third Carbons	October 1974
	Third Carbons	September 1974
	Third Carbons	August 1974
	Third Carbons	June 1974
A19	Third Carbons	July 1974
	Third Carbons	May 1974
	Third Carbons	March 1974
	Third Carbons	April 1974

C39 PM's Ops Telegrams 1976 (T1/76-T37/76)
PM's Personal Minutes 1975-6
P/Secretary letters (July 67-May 70)

Mr Wilson's Red Box

Box entitled "Confidentiality of Enrolled - Clerical"

Personal in [unclear] (Washington, D.C.)



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

8 October 1976

I have made enquiries about your collection of papers which we hold at No. 10. As these papers were accumulated over the years they are all, with the exception of personal correspondence and messages on retirement (which are filed alphabetically) in chronological (but un-numbered) order, in the following groups:

Ministerial Appointments
Letters to The Queen
Personal Minutes and Messages (outgoing)
Personal Telegrams (outgoing and incoming)
Copies of letters signed by the Prime Minister
Copies of letters signed by Private Secretaries
conveying Prime Minister's comments
Speeches
Personal stamp collection
Bradford University papers

KRS

The Rt. Hon. Sir Harold Wilson, KG, OBE, FRS, MP.

B.F. ^{del} 3/12/70.

November 19, 1970

As you know, former Prime Ministers are traditionally entitled to take away certain categories of personal papers relating to their period of office.

You already have the typed version of your daily diary as Prime Minister and copies of your official speeches up to September, 1969. The remaining papers, listed in the annex to this letter, are now ready for delivery to you whenever you would like them. They fill a four drawer filing cabinet (measuring 4ft by 1ft by 2ft).

It has been the practice to segregate any documents of an exceptionally sensitive nature and retain these at 10 Downing Street. Some seventy documents have been retained; but, as you will see from the annex, lists of them will be attached to your set of the papers so that you will know what has been omitted. If you wish to look at any of the documents we have retained, we can always make arrangements for you to do so here.

Perhaps you would let me know when you are ready to take delivery of the papers. We are of course content to keep them here as long as you wish. Presumably you are quite happy about the arrangements which you are making for the safe custody of the papers; but, if there is any help you require, please let us know.

Yours faithfully,
RTA
acting directly on the wishes of Mr. Wilson, Prime Minister, and conveying these to other Ministers.

(List of 37 documents to be retained at 10 Downing Street attached to Folder 3(ii))

The Right Honourable Harold Wilson, O.B.E., F.R.S., M.P.

PERSONAL PAPERS RELATING TO MR. HAROLD WILSON'S PERIOD
OF OFFICE AS PRIME MINISTER - OCTOBER 1964 - JUNE 1970

Folder No

- 1 Official speeches, September 1969 - June 1970.
(Mrs. Williams already has copies of the
official speeches up to September 1969).
- 2 (i) Miscellaneous correspondence of a purely
to (iii) personal character
- 3 Copies of letters sent by Mr. Wilson relating
to the appointment and resignation of Ministers
together with copies or originals of incoming
letters.
- 4 Copies of letters sent by Mr. Wilson to the
Queen and other members of the Royal Family.
- 5 Copies of all other letters sent by Mr. Wilson
as Prime Minister (folders for each month from
October 1964 to June 1970).
- 6 (i) Copies of Prime Ministerial Minutes sent by
to (vii) Mr. Wilson (list of 19 documents to be retained
at 10 Downing Street attached to Folder 6(vii)).
- 7 (i) Copies of personal telegrams and messages sent
to(xvii) by Mr. Wilson overseas and incoming personal
telegrams and messages. (List of 15 documents
to be retained at 10 Downing Street attached
to folder 7 (xvii)).
- 8 (i) Copies of letters written by Private Secretaries
to (ii) quoting directly the wishes of Mr. Wilson as
Prime Minister, and conveying these to other
Ministers.
(List of 37 documents to be retained at
10 Downing Street attached to Folder 8(ii)).

NOTE FOR THE RECORD

Mr. Harold Wilson's Personal Papers

I had a discussion at 10.00 a.m. this morning with Sir Burke Trend in the Cabinet Office about Mr. Harold Wilson's personal papers.

I explained the action which had already been taken, by Mr. Andrews before he left No. 10 at the end of July and by me since that date. Our starting point was the convention that former Prime Ministers were entitled to take away and retain their "personal papers". The interpretation of this term had been refined over the years and it was now understood, in the case of Mr. Wilson, to include the following specific items:-

- (i) The typed precis of the Prime Minister's daily diary from Mr. Wilson's assumption of office until his resignation.
- (ii) Top copies of all speeches.
- (iii) Correspondence of purely personal character, e.g. from Mr. Wilson's personal friends.
(After some time in 1965 nearly all of this would appear to have been kept in Mr. Wilson's personal and political office and taken away by that office when it left 10 Downing Street.)
- (iv) Copies of letters signed by Mr. Wilson to colleagues, Members of Parliament and members of the general public.

- (v) Copies of letters signed by Mr. Wilson relating to the appointment and resignation of Ministers. (Copies of incoming letters on this subject may also be taken away and where such a letter is of a purely personal nature the original rather than the copy may be taken away.)
- (vi) Copies of letters signed by Mr. Wilson to The Queen and other members of the Royal Family. (In addition the originals of any incoming letters of a purely personal nature may also be taken away.)
- (vii) Copies of minutes sent by Mr. Wilson to his Ministerial colleagues.
- (viii) Copies of letters written by Private Secretaries quoting directly the wishes of the Prime Minister and conveying these to other Ministers.
- (ix) Copies of messages sent by Mr. Wilson to Heads of Government overseas and incoming personal messages to the Prime Minister from overseas.

I explained to Sir Burke Trend that it had been the practice for a Private Secretary to sift these papers before they were taken away by the outgoing Prime Minister and to retain at No. 10 a small number of documents which were exceptionally delicate and

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sensitive. This sifting had apparently not been done simply on the basis of the security classification of the document and only some of the documents of a Secret and Top Secret classification had been retained. The highly classified documents were almost exclusively confined to categories (vii), (viii) and (ix). I told Sir Burke Trend that Mr. Andrews and I had carried out the sifting in the traditional way and less than a hundred documents in all had been earmarked for retention at No. 10. These mainly related to nuclear matters and to covert intelligence. The typed diary (category (i) above) and the speeches ~~except~~ up to September 1969 (category (ii)) had already been sent to Mr. Wilson. The remainder of the papers had now been assembled for despatch to Mr. Wilson and they completely filled a four drawer filing cabinet. About half probably had some security classification.

I told Sir Burke Trend that I was concerned about the security of the more highly classified documents which were to be sent to Mr. Wilson. Although the exceptionally sensitive documents had been removed there were still many which were technically Top Secret or Secret. Some of these should no doubt have been down graded by now but to attempt to go through this process before the papers were sent to Mr. Wilson would clearly be impracticable and this had evidently not been done when earlier Prime Ministers had taken away their personal papers.

/Sir Burke

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Sir Burke Trend said that the responsibility for the safe custody of the papers, once they were sent to Mr. Wilson, would rest with Mr. Wilson himself. He thought that it would be undesirable to take the initiative in assisting Mr. Wilson in this connection, e.g. by offering to provide him with some kind of security cabinet or to put him in touch with some member of the Security Service who would advise him about the custody of the papers. This might involve the Government in taking over some responsibility for the safe keeping of the papers and it would be a departure from the previous precedents. He felt that it would be enough to say, in a letter to Mr. Wilson inviting him to collect the papers, something on the following lines:-

"Presumably you are quite happy about the arrangements which you are making for the safe custody of the papers, but if there is any help you require, please let us know."

If Mr. Wilson asked for some help the request could then be considered. If he wanted a suitable cabinet, one could no doubt be supplied on perpetual loan, although it would probably be desirable to supply a simple cabinet with a key rather than one with a combination lock which would only be secure if the proper procedures were strictly followed. But Mr. Wilson should not be encouraged to make this request; nor should we seek to discover where he was proposing to keep the papers. I told Sir Burke Trend that Mr. Wilson

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had mentioned in passing that he thought that he might keep the papers in Lord Goodman's vaults. Sir Burke Trend said that this was entirely a matter for Mr. Wilson and we should not proffer a judgment on the suitability or otherwise of any particular location.

Sir Burke Trend undertook to look at the letter to be sent to Mr. Wilson before it was despatched.

PLS
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November 10, 1970

Copies to:-

Mr. Hewitt
Group Captain Williams

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11.11.70

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28/16.7.57.

Ex Prime Minister

July 10, 1957.

Dear Loh,

As Sir Norman Brook is shortly to visit Sir Anthony Eden about the collection of his papers I thought it would be helpful for you to have this note on the papers we have for Sir Anthony here. I am ready to discuss this with Brook if he wishes it.

We have the following categories of papers here:-

(a) A large collection of private papers sent over by the Foreign Office, accumulated while Sir Anthony was at the Foreign Office.

(b) A collection of Sir Anthony's private letters and papers relating to his period of office as Prime Minister. These range from congratulatory messages from friends to letters relating to Government changes. We have not tried to put them in any order, since their arrangement is a matter of personal choice. Some of these papers are certainly confidential.

(c) A collection of Sir Anthony's speeches.

(d) Material provided to Sir Anthony for the preparation of speeches. This material has not been screened; but I suppose that so much of it as consists

of official telegrams and documents should be excluded. In the remainder there may well be confidential matter.

(e) A collection of all the messages exchanged between President Eisenhower and Sir Anthony. These are included at his special request; and the copies in the collection are not needed for other purposes. This applies also to

(f) A collection of minutes written by Sir Anthony as Prime Minister to other Ministers. These include many secret minutes. I am going through them trying to separate the secret from the non-secret, but whether it is necessary to divide them in this way depends on the considerations mentioned in the next paragraph.

One wonders what arrangements Sir Anthony would prefer over the custody of his papers. Categories (a), (b), (c) and (d) above could no doubt be safely left in his private custody (subject perhaps to a final screening and exclusion of really secret material). Sir Anthony might feel, however, that it would be best that categories (e) and (f) should be left in the actual custody either of the Cabinet Office or No. 10 with some arrangements about access. Brook may wish to encourage him in this direction. It would obviate the need to screen collection (f).

I do not think that Sir Anthony will claim a right to keep Cabinet papers. When I saw him about his papers a day or so after he resigned he showed no signs of this - indeed I seem to remember his saying as much to me - although he might ask to keep papers which were printed over his initials.

Lastly Sir Anthony is, I think, very likely, if not when he sees Brook, at least from time to time, to

ask for papers which relate to his term of office not included in the collections above. As I understand it, he has an absolute right to see any such papers; but not necessarily a right to copies of them. We would just have to decide what to do on each occasion consulting Brook and the Foreign Office if necessary.

Yours sincerely,

N. L. C.

J. B. Hunt, Esq.,
Cabinet Office.

Note of a meeting held at 10 Downing Street at 1200 hours on Wednesday, 14 January 1981 to discuss which papers from Mr. Callaghan's administration can be made available to him.

Present: Bernard Donoughue
 Clive Whitmore
 June Drever
 Alan Davies Jones

The discussion followed the format of a paper (paragraphs 1 - 5) which had been prepared by K.R. Stowe dated 2.4.79 and the conclusions are recorded in the same order.

Paragraph 1

- Sub para (1) Mr. Donoughue had already received all the papers referred to. Any related papers which might now be asked for will be copied and made available. Top secret papers whether originated by Mr. Callaghan or not will not be released and will have to be read at No. 10.
- Sub para (2) The master set of Telegrams held in Confidential Filing will be made available. C.F. will look at a sample of these telegrams to see if it is feasible to link them with the relevant incoming telegrams. If so, a set of incoming telegrams will be made available.
- Sub para (3) None in existence.
- Sub para (4) Mr. Donoughue had already received a full set of papers.
- Sub para (5) A complete set will be made available.
- Sub para (6) A set will be made available. Related papers will be made available from our files as and when necessary.
- Sub para (7) A master set will be made available.

/ Sub para (8)

Sub para (8) Correspondence of this nature is held by Garden Rooms and C.F. All Garden Room papers can be quickly released. No official C.F. files can be released from No. 10 and will therefore have to be read here with relevant papers being copied to Mr. Donoghue. The Lib/Lab pact papers mentioned are to be made available as soon as possible.

Paragraph 2 Catered for in sub paragraph (1).

Paragraph 3 As for sub para (8). When subjects of interest are made known the relevant files will be made available for scrutiny and copies of needed documents copied and supplied.

Paragraph 4 The discussion revolved around the availability and access to Cabinet, Cabinet Committee papers and the minutes thereof. Mr. Whitmore undertook to speak to Sir Robert Armstrong about this procedure and report back to Mr. Donoghue in due course.

Paragraph 5 The nature of these documents would only allow them to be read by Mr. Callaghan himself. Mr. Donoghue was assured that they would be made available to Mr. Callaghan personally by Mr. Whitmore.

Mr. Donoghue went on to say that a Research Assistant by the name of Nigel Bowles would be undertaking most of the research work whose ability and integrity he regarded highly. Currently at Nuffield College he had already done some research work for Mr. Donoghue at the Treasury. Mr. Whitmore explained that he would have to speak to David Nooney and Mary Coley with whom Bowles had been working at the Treasury before allowing access to No.10. Mr. Whitmore also suggested that, due to lack of accommodation at No. 10, it might be a good idea if the files that need to be looked at were read in the Cabinet Office. He said that he would speak to Sir Robert Armstrong about this and coordinate any necessary action for access to papers and report back to Mr. Donoghue.

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Mr. Callaghan was out of the country at present and it was agreed that Mr. Davies Jones should contact Ruth Sharpe to arrange the delivery of those papers which are readily available. If, however, she did not have access to Mr. Callaghan's safe their delivery should be postponed until his return at the end of February or early March with Mr. Donoughue being informed of the delivery date.

PRIME MINISTER'S PAPERS

10 Papers

1. ● outgoing Prime Minister is able to take with him, if he wishes, the following papers concerned with his Administration:
 - 1) Copies of outgoing personal minutes (i.e. minutes signed by the Prime Minister himself), excluding those marked Top Secret.
 - 2) Copies of all personal telegrams sent and received from overseas, again excluding Top Secret.
 - 3) Copies of any letters sent to The Queen by the Prime Minister.
 - 4) Copies of all other letters signed by the Prime Minister.
 - 5) Personal correspondence relating to Ministerial appointments, e.g. resignation letters, etc.
 - 6) Speeches and related speech material.
 - 7) A copy of the typed daily dairy for the whole of his administration.
 - 8) Files held in the Private Office (as distinct from the Political Office) which are personal rather than official: these would include files relating, e.g. to the conferring of a City Freedom, First Day Covers. They would also include files relating to personal activities of a political nature (as distinct from official subject files) - thus the file regarding all that passed between the Prime Minister and Mr. Steel in connection with the Lib/Lab Pact could be included among the Prime Minister's personal papers, whereas the file relating to the Cabinet's consideration of civil aircraft policy would not.

2. The file copies of Prime Minister's minutes and telegrams (para 1(1)) are on registered files in No.10 and are State papers and, as such, will be transferred to the Public Record Office when the files are due for opening.
3. Official files relating to subjects, which are not included in the personal papers described above, remain in No.10 for the immediate future and a former Prime Minister has access to these files to refresh his memory; copies can, of course, be provided of papers relating to any particular meeting or correspondence, subject to security classification.
4. Access to official files which remain in official charge is normally on the basis that the Prime Minister would come to the Cabinet Office or No.10 to look at papers. Alternatively, copies of particular documents can be given to the Prime Minister, as in paragraph 3 above.
5. Copies cannot be provided of highly classified material from official files, but a former Prime Minister could, of course, have access to them in secure accommodation and he would also have access to those minutes and telegrams classified Top Secret which are excluded from the personal papers listed at 1. and 2. above.
6. The official papers described above which the Prime Minister could take with him on leaving office would probably fill a four-drawer security filing Cabinet measuring 4ft x 1½ft x 2ft. Since some of the papers will be classified SECRET, the storing will need to be secure.

Political Office Papers

7. All Political Office files will leave with the Prime Minister. Mr Mrs Sharpe to advise please on the nature and size of the Political Office records and whether they should be segregated in any way.

Treasury papers (1964-67)

8. The Treasury Record Office have flimsy copies on Private Office and Treasury files of letters sent by the Prime Minister as Chancellor of the Exchequer giving references to relevant files. They also have 100ft run of press cuttings kept at Mr. Callaghan's request which will be kept by the Treasury until required. The Prime Minister will have access to the flimsy copies on the Private Office Treasury files, to refresh his memory on exactly the same basis as Cabinet Office and No.10 files.

He can have copies if he wishes to.

Home Office (1967-70)

9. The Home Office do not keep a separate set of Private Office papers as such - they are all on registered files which are available for consultation, on the same basis as No. 10 and the Treasury. The Home Office will accept a suitable vetted research assistant for this purpose.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office (1974-76)

10. There are 14 boxes (nearly 5 ft.) at Cornwall House containing copies of minutes, telegrams and minutes of meetings - exchanges with other Foreign Ministers, etc. These are available, as with other records, for the Prime Minister to refresh his memory and copies can be provided. The Foreign Office do not give access to research assistants unless accompanied by the Minister.

General

The papers described above which can be taken away when the Prime Minister leaves office become his personal property and constitute part of his estate. The official files which remain in the Departments and No. 10 in respect of his tenure of office become State records and, as such, can never form part of a Prime Minister's estate. Copies of documents on those files which a former Prime Minister asks for are normally sent on a "see and return" basis and likewise do not form part of a Prime Minister's personal estate.

The disposal of a former Prime Minister's papers is for him to decide and different Prime Ministers have made different arrangements. The personal papers will, of course, be directly related to the Prime Minister's memoirs, which also form part of his estate. The disposal of papers and memoirs in relation to tax is a complicated matter on which expert advice is needed.

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