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From the Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service
Sir Robin Butler GCB CVO

Ref. AO93/1921 ✓

8 June 1993

~~C-Miss Andrews~~

Dear Professor Morgan,

Many thanks for your letter of 4 June and for what you say in it. I confirm that I would be delighted to offer human evidence about working with Lord Callaghan in Whitehall whenever this would be convenient to you.

I am sorry to hear that you have been falling in with my old Oxford friends: at least Neville Thomas is one of the more respectable of them.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Robin Butler

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e- Miss Andrews



4 June, 1993

Dear Sir Robin,

Thank you for your recent letter. Naturally, I am a little disappointed at its contents although I cannot say that I am wholly surprised. At least I would expect to look at the material for Lord Callaghan's time as Chancellor before I hand my manuscript in. I much appreciate your suggestion that I might put a few enquiries to you and I may take advantage of this kind suggestion at a later stage. If I recall our conversation correctly, you suggested when we met that you might be prepared to act as human evidence yourself to give me your recollection of working with Lord Callaghan in Whitehall, so I may perhaps take you up on this also, if I may?

I have just had a very pleasant meeting with Mr. Neville Thomas, QC, who I understand is a friend of yours.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Kenneth Morgan

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From the Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service
Sir Robin Butler GCB CVO

Ref: AO93/1743 ✓

26 May 1993

Dear Professor Morgan,

Thank you for your letter of 20 May. As I said when we met I was grateful for your help in passing my draft letter to Lord Callaghan but, alas, neither you nor I can make him send it if he has decided not to do so.

It is not, I assure you, as a result of that impasse that I find myself unable to send you a favourable response to your request for access to the official papers relating to Lord Callaghan's period of office which, when we spoke last year, I hoped might be possible given your position as his official biographer. Long-standing rules preclude access by anyone other than former Prime Ministers personally to records issued to them when in office, and to the official papers which they are known to have handled at the time, before they become publicly available under the provision of the Public Records Acts. For the reasons indicated below, I have had to conclude that I cannot make an exception to those rules for you.

My predecessors and I have been willing to agree to former Prime Ministers being allowed to bring with them some-one who also had access to the papers when in Government in order to help them refresh their memories, but I fear that even this concession would not apply as you have not had such prior access.

What I could perhaps suggest is that if and when there are specific points you wish to have checked and if Lord Callaghan is not able or willing to check them himself I would be happy to have the papers checked for that purpose, provided that such requests were not too extensive. I realise that it will be no comfort to you but you may be interested to know that I had to reply similarly to a request from Phillip Ziegler when he began work on his biography of Lord Wilson.

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As I said to him at the time I am constantly under pressure from former Ministers to allow special access to their biographers or research assistants and I am afraid that the granting of such access to you would remove any defences I still have against such pressures. I am so sorry.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Butler

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SIR ROBIN BUTLER

PRIME MINISTER'S PAPERS: PROFESSOR KENNETH MORGAN'S REQUEST FOR ACCESS

I attach as requested a suggested draft reply to Professor Kenneth Morgan's letter of 20 May in which he requests access to papers relating to Lord Callaghan's period of office.

You will see that I have put in square brackets (in case you think it is impractical) a suggestion similar to that you made to Mr Ziegler that if he wants specific points checked we might get some-one to look at the papers for him. In Mr Ziegler's case that may have been Lord Armstrong, although I did not hear whether the suggestion was ever followed up. The only person I can think of immediately in respect of Lord Callaghan is Lord Bancroft and I have no idea what his reaction might be.

Pat Andrews

MISS P M ANDREWS

Historical and Records Section
24 May 1993

DRAFT LETTER FOR SIR ROBIN BUTLER TO SEND TO:-

Professor Kenneth Morgan D Litt(Oxon) FBA
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Thank you for your letter of 20 May. As I said when we met I was grateful for your help in passing my draft letter to Lord Callaghan but, alas, neither you nor I can make him send it if he has decided not to do so.

It is therefore with particular regret that I find myself unable to send you a favourable response to your request for access to the official papers relating to Lord Callaghan's period of office which, when we spoke last year, I hoped might be possible given your position as his official biographer. Long-standing rules preclude access by anyone other than former Prime Ministers personally to records issued to them when in office, and to the official papers which they are known to have handled at the time, before they become publicly available under the provisions of the Public Records Acts.

My predecessors and I have been willing to agree to former Prime Ministers being allowed to bring with them some-one who also had access to the papers when in Government in order to help them refresh their memories, but I fear that even this concession would not apply as you have not had such prior access.

[What I could perhaps suggest is that if and when there are specific points you wish to have checked I would be happy to try to find some-one, such as a former Private Secretary, who may be willing to look at the papers for that purpose. I could not promise this but I would do my best.] I realise that it will be no comfort to you but you may be interested to know that I had to reply similarly to a request from Philip Ziegler when he began work on his biography of Lord Wilson. As I said to him at the time I am constantly under pressure from former Ministers to allow special access to their biographers or research assistants and I am afraid that the granting of such access to you would remove any defences I still have against such pressures. I am so sorry.

SIR ROBIN BUTLER

PRIME MINISTERS' PAPERS: PROFESSOR KENNETH MORGAN'S REQUEST FOR ACCESS

In his letter of 20 May Professor Kenneth Morgan refers to a conversation he had with you last year when you met to discuss Lord Callaghan's papers. He asks whether he may look at public records from October 1964 onwards relating to Lord Callaghan's period in office on the grounds that as the official biographer of Lord Callaghan he may be regarded as his representative.

As you will recall we had a similar request from Philip Ziegler during 1991 when he was preparing the biography of Lord Wilson which we have recently cleared for publication. Although I initially thought that we may be able to waive the rules for Mr Ziegler on the grounds of Lord Wilson's illhealth, in the event, we decided that we could not breach the rule that access to papers must be restricted to former Ministers themselves; if we did and it became known we would not be able to hold the line against any Minister who wanted his biographer or research assistant to have such access.

The rules on access to official papers before they become publicly available, which were introduced in 1972, say:-

"By convention, former Ministers are allowed reasonable access to the papers of the period when they were in office. They may have access in the Cabinet Office to copies of Cabinet or Cabinet Committee papers which were issued to them when in office, and access in the department concerned to other official papers which they are known to have handled at the time.

It is a firm rule that access to official papers must be limited without exception, to former Ministers personally. To allow access to, for example, their research assistants would breach the conventions about confidentiality of exchanges between Ministers and of civil servants' advice to Ministers. It would also give to those concerned exceptional privileges; others normally have to wait until the papers are released in accordance with the Public Records Acts."

There is no provision for special treatment of former Prime Ministers under these rules although you offered to stretch the rules for Lady Thatcher by allowing her to have the help of someone who had been within Government during her period of office, had had access to the papers, and was adequately vetted. Lord Armstrong recorded in 1981 that he was prepared to make a similar offer to allow Lord Donoghue to see Lord Callaghan's papers but that offer was, so far as I can tell, never made. Professor Morgan does not fall into the same category as Mr Robin Harris or Lord Donoghue in this respect.

The precedent I cited when Mr Ziegler sought access to the Wilson papers was that of Professor Dilks' access to the Macmillan papers. This pre-dated the 1972 rules and access was granted on the grounds of the former Prime Minister's illhealth. On that occasion the serving Prime Minister's consent was sought and access granted on the understanding that it was a breach of precedent and on condition that:-

- a) the researcher was security vetted
- b) an undertaking was given that the information acquired would not be used for any other purpose
- c) that unlimited access would not be granted. The papers would be scrutinised and any withheld if we adjudged it necessary
- d) the papers could only be seen on official premises.

I am not sure what you had in mind if, as Professor Morgan says, you referred to him being regarded as Lord Callaghan's representative. The rules as they stand at present seem quite firmly to preclude him. I should be grateful if you would let me know whether you would be prepared to reply as to Mr Ziegler, if so I shall produce a draft.

Pat Andrews

MISS P M ANDREWS

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20 May, 1993

Dear Sir Robin,

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As you will recall, we met last autumn and I also had the pleasure of meeting you briefly at the Gaudy at Merton in March. As I mentioned then, I did indeed pass your points on to Lord Callaghan and I am sorry that he appears not to have responded. I am afraid I do not know the reason.

When we met at the Cabinet Office you very kindly mentioned that it would be possible for me to look at public records for the period from October 1964 onwards relating to Lord Callaghan's period in office. I believe you mentioned that it might be possible to regard me as a representative of the former Prime Minister since I am his official biographer. I would be most grateful if an opportunity could be found some time between the middle of July and the middle of September for looking at some of this material, before I start a new range of chores in the next academic year. If, at the very least, I could look at the Cabinet minutes and perhaps associated Cabinet papers (they would presumably be listed as CAB 128-129 in the Public Records Office) for the period of Harold Wilson's Government of 1964-70, they would be enormously helpful. Naturally, I would most scrupulously observe any conditions about their use, showing any extracts I wish to use to you, etc. If it would be possible to look at some of the 'T' papers also for that period, perhaps on the devaluation crisis of 1967, that would also be an enormous help, but really anything that you felt able to do would be enormously appreciated. In spite of my many labours here, I am finding some time to get on with my work on Lord Callaghan again as the impact of my wife's death gradually recedes. Perhaps you could kindly let me know about these matters in due course.

With kind personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

Kenneth Morgan

Principal

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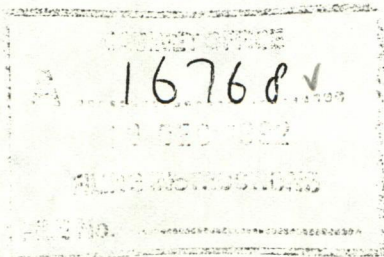
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c. Miss Andrews



9 December, 1992

Dear Sir Robin,

Thank you for your letter of 7 December.

I will send the enclosure to Lord Callaghan as I am not likely to see him again until late January after he has returned from South Africa.

I greatly enjoyed meeting you and much appreciated the very helpful way in which you approached my work.

I am also grateful to you for your very sympathetic personal attitude.

With warm regards for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

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From the Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service
Sir Robin Butler GCB CVO

C. Miss Andrews

Ref: A092/3484 ✓

7 December 1992



Dear Professor Morgan,

Thank you very much for coming to see me on 25 November to discuss the situation with regard to Lord Callaghan's papers.

You kindly agreed that if I provided a suitable draft letter you would discuss the matter with Lord Callaghan to see whether he would be prepared to write to me as drafted giving the undertakings required.

--- I attach a draft setting out the undertakings and hope to hear from you and/or Lord Callaghan that they are acceptable to him. I am most grateful to you for your help in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Butler

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DRAFT LETTER FOR LORD CALLAGHAN TO SEND TO:

Sir Robin Butler GCB CVO
Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil
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70 Whitehall
LONDON SW1A

I understand that you have discussed with Kenneth Morgan the questions relating to my No 10 papers about which we corresponded last year.

As I said to you in my letter of 21 November 1991 I have no intention of transferring the papers out of the country. When I have taken a decision on their destination following completion of the work on the biography I shall of course let you know so that you can satisfy yourself with regard to storage and security.

In the meantime I confirm:-

- that I will treat the papers in the same way as the originals which are subject to the Public Records Acts. This means that access will not be granted to them without the consent of the Cabinet Office for 30 years; thereafter, before access is granted, the papers will be reviewed by the Cabinet Office to ensure that any which are copies of Public Records which, because of their continuing sensitivity, are being withheld

from the public for longer than 30 years,
are not made available,

- that The Queen's Private Secretary will be consulted about any proposal to make use of correspondence with The Queen or other members of the Royal Family by publication, in lectures etc, and,

- that I regard my assurances on all the matters covered by this letter as binding on myself and my heirs. Should I, or they, wish to dispose of the papers at any time, assurances in the terms of this letter will be sought from anyone to whom they are transferred.

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SIR ROBIN BUTLER

PRIME MINISTER'S PAPERS:LORD CALLAGHAN

During your meeting with Professor Kenneth Morgan on 25 November it was agreed that you would provide him with a draft letter which he would suggest that Lord Callaghan should send to you giving the undertakings required in respect of his papers.

You may recall that Treasury Solicitor advised that the agreement with Lord Callaghan could not be legally binding as the papers had already left official custody before we approached him; it will be binding in honour only. I have, however, cleared the draft letter for Lord Callaghan to send to you with Mark Blythe, Treasury Solicitor's Department.

I suggest that you may wish to write to Professor Morgan along the following lines:-

Professor Kenneth O Morgan D Litt (Oxon) FBA
The University College of Wales
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You kindly agreed that if I provided a suitable draft letter you would discuss the matter with Lord Callaghan to see whether he would be prepared to write to me as drafted giving the undertakings required.

I attach a draft setting out the undertakings and hope to hear from you and/or Lord Callaghan that they are acceptable to him. I am most grateful to you for your help in this matter.

Pat Andrews

MISS P M ANDREWS
Historical and Records Section
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DRAFT LETTER FOR LORD CALLAGHAN TO SEND TO:

Sir Robin Butler GCB CVO
Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil
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70 Whitehall
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from the public for longer than 30 years,
are not made available,

- that The Queen's Private Secretary will be consulted about any proposal to make use of correspondence with The Queen or other members of the Royal Family by publication, in lectures etc, and,

- that I regard my assurances on all the matters covered by this letter as binding on myself and my heirs. Should I, or they, wish to dispose of the papers at any time, assurances in the terms of this letter will be sought from anyone to whom they are transferred.



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2 December 1992

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Dear Mark

LORD CALLAGHAN'S PAPERS

Sir Robin Butler wrote to Lord Callaghan on 16 October 1991 (copy attached) seeking his agreement to the conditions applying to the papers which he took from No 10 when he ceased to be Prime Minister.

This letter was based on advice from Colin Gregory who wrote to me under ref A81/199 on 10 October 1991. Colin took the view, as you will see, that, as Lord Callaghan had already removed his papers from official custody, the arrangements could not be said to be legally binding; they would be binding in honour only.

Sir Robin has now agreed to provide a draft reply for Lord Callaghan to send to him. I attach a draft and should be grateful for any comments you may have on it and perhaps you could also say whether you agree with the view that the agreement cannot be legally binding? If you were able to telephone me with your views this would be greatly appreciated.

Yours ever

Pat

MISS P M ANDREWS

*Approved by phone
3/12/92.*



House of Lords

30 November
December, 1992

Dear Esber

I am writing to bring you up-to-date on the archive. Everything now seems to be in order and more or less finalised. Mary Clapinson, with two of her assistants, is coming down on the 14 December, to assess the position with regard to the removal to Oxford.

I do not think they have been in a hurry because of space problems, but it does now look as though it will be moved soon after Christmas.

Thank you again so very much for all you did.

I shall of course write again when it is finally in its "last resting place".

With kind regards,

Yours
Peter

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Armstrong of Ilminster



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NOTE FOR THE RECORD

cc Miss Andrews

Professor Kenneth Morgan: Lord Callaghan's Papers

Sir Robin Butler had a meeting with Professor Kenneth Morgan on Wednesday 25 November to discuss Lord Callaghan's papers. Sir Robin Butler explained that he was attempting to put in order the arrangements for Prime Ministers who wished to keep personal archives of papers which had been issued to them while Prime Minister.

2. Sir Robin Butler explained that he was required, as Cabinet Secretary, to satisfy himself that adequate arrangements for the safe custody and proper treatment of official papers retained as personal archives had been made. He was therefore seeking assurances from former Prime Ministers on four points:

- a. That the papers were safely stored. He understood that the papers were currently in the Victoria Tower in the House of Lords where they would remain until 1995, when they might be moved to the London School of Economics (LSE). He required an assurance that he would be informed when any such transfer of the papers took place.
- b. That the papers would be treated in the same way as the original documents still retained by the Crown i.e. that access to them should not be granted without consent, and that those papers which, because of their continuing sensitivity, were not released by the

Government to the Public Record Office should not be made available from Lord Callaghan's collection.

- c. That The Queen's Private Secretary should be consulted about any proposal to make public correspondence with The Queen or other members of the Royal Family.
- d. That Lord Callaghan should give an assurance on these matters that was binding on himself and his heirs.

3. Professor Morgan said that, in his view, Lord Callaghan was serious about the papers in his possession, he considered them to be a serious and valuable historical record and that they should be looked after in a manner commensurate with this. He had not seen any correspondence with The Queen and only very few secret documents, for example there were no papers on disarmament or nuclear issues. He did not think that the undertakings that Sir Robin was requiring were at all unreasonable and could not see that Lord Callaghan would be likely to refuse to give them. Sir Robin Butler asked whether, if he was provided with a suitable draft, Professor Morgan would be prepared to suggest that Lord Callaghan wrote to Sir Robin giving the undertakings. Professor Morgan agreed to do this.

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4. Professor Morgan asked whether it would be possible for him, as Researcher to Lord Callaghan, to see copies of Cabinet and Cabinet Committee papers that were not available in the Public Record Office. Sir Robin Butler said that he did not expect there to be any difficulties with this, but Professor Morgan should contact him in due course. He also said that if there was any help that he personally could give, as he had known Lord Callaghan quite well, he would be happy to give it.

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From the Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service
Sir Robin Butler GCB CVO

Ref. A092/2936 ✓

14 October 1992

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Dear Professor Morgan,

You wrote to me on 17 July following the postponement of our meeting on 6 July because of your wife's illness.

I was extremely sorry to hear of her death which was reported whilst I was away on holiday during the summer - I send you my sympathy and best wishes in sustaining your tragic loss.

I understand that we are due to meet on Wednesday 25 November at 3pm. I look forward to seeing you then if you feel up to it.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Butler

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H092/588 ✓

SIR ROBIN BUTLER

PRIME MINISTERS' PAPERS

MACMILLAN

HR 10/5
I have 'chased' again for a copy of the computer catalogue of the Macmillan Archive. I was told in May that it was hoped that the work would be finished before the end of the summer but that there was "no deadline for completion". This time I have had a somewhat frosty reply from the Trustees' solicitor saying that she has no further news to report but that she will let me know as soon as the catalogue is available. When we first heard about the cataloguing it was said to be going to take until about June 1991. These things always take longer than expected - are you content for me to keep on 'chasing' at intervals or do you wish to take the matter up again with Lord Stockton?

CALLAGHAN

You were due to meet Professor Kenneth Morgan in July to discuss Lord Callaghan's papers. Professor Morgan wrote on 17 July following the postponement of the meeting because of his wife's illness. Dr Jane Morgan died in August (obituary attached). Would a letter along the lines of the attached draft be appropriate? If not shall I bring the file up again towards the end of the year?

Pat Andrews

MISS P M ANDREWS

Historical and Records Section
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17 July 1992

c- Miss Andrews

Dear Sir Robin -

I am so sorry to

have had to postpone again our meeting
arranged for 6 July. I heard on 29 June
that my wife, who had been totally well for 20
years of marriage, had a tumour in the liver. She is
now responding well to chemo-therapy and I am
amused that Nature can now survive these things. But
you will understand that life has been knocked awry
these last few weeks. However I am certainly
intending to write Lord Callaghan, official
biographer and am most anxious to see you soon.
I do hope you can bear with me and that I may

make another appointment later in this year, CABINET OFFICE
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as there is positive evidence of a sustained link
evident in my wife's health.

With renewed apologies,

Kenneth Morgan.

(Principal, UCU).

Sir Robin Butler, KCB,
Cabinet Office.

Meeting postponed (again!)
my presence was not required
in any event!!

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SIR ROBIN BUTLER

PRIME MINISTERS' PAPERS

The meeting with Professor Kenneth Morgan to discuss Lord Callaghan's papers has now been arranged for noon on Monday 6 July.

Our concerns about Lord Callaghan's papers which were sent by No 10 to the House of Lords in May 1990 are set out in your letter of 16 October 1991 (copy attached) and are:-

- (i) that the papers, although not now covered by the Public Records Act, are copies of public records and contain the same information as the originals which remain on official files,
- (ii) the Government therefore retains an interest in the papers; the Official Secrets Act applies where relevant and will continue to do so after Lord Callaghan's lifetime; Copyright remains vested in the Crown.

We need therefore:-

- a) to know when the papers leave the House of Lords so that we can satisfy ourselves that they are securely stored by the LSE or whichever institution provides a home for them.
- b) to reach an agreement that the papers will be treated in the same way as the originals ie access to them not to be granted without our consent and the papers to be reviewed before any access is granted so that any which are not releasable at 30 years can be held back.
- c) to ensure that The Queen's Private Secretary is consulted about any proposal to use letters from the Sovereign to the Prime Minister or from the Prime Minister to the Sovereign (by way of publication, use in lectures etc)

Lord Callaghan has given the assurance sought in respect of himself, that he has no intention of transferring the papers out of the country (his letter of 21 November 1991, also attached, refers), but he has not bound his heirs to this assurance.

Professor Morgan will presumably not be in a position to give undertakings on behalf of Lord Callaghan but he may be able to advise on his progress with use of the papers for the biography and perhaps on how Lord Callaghan may be persuaded to give the undertakings sought.

Pat Andrews

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From the Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service
Sir Robin Butler KCB CVO

Ref. AO91/2539

16 October 1991



c- Miss Andrews

Dear Jim,

May I write to you about your No. 10 papers which were sent over to the House of Lords Records Office in May last year. I have been trying with all former PMs to get some agreed arrangements on this unruly subject.

You will recall that the papers which, as a former Prime Minister, you were allowed by convention to take away, were in the following categories:-

1. Copies of outgoing Personal Minutes to Ministerial colleagues (those signed by yourself) excluding those marked TOP SECRET.
2. Copies of all personal telegrams and messages sent to or received from overseas, again excluding those marked TOP SECRET.
3. Copies of any letters you sent to The Queen, excluding those marked TOP SECRET.
4. Copies of all other letters signed by you.
5. Personal correspondence relating to Ministerial appointments.
6. Speeches.
7. Copies of the typed daily diary for the whole of your Administration.
8. Files held in the Private Office which are personal rather than official.

/As you will

The Rt Hon Lord Callaghan KG
House of Lords

As you will appreciate, a large proportion of the papers in the above categories are copies of public records and, whilst they are not now themselves covered by the Public Records Act, the Government retains an interest in them. For example the Official Secrets Act applies where relevant, and will continue to do so after your lifetime, and copyright remains vested in the Crown. Perhaps therefore you would kindly let me know when the papers are removed from the House of Lords so that I can satisfy myself that they are securely stored.

Because the information contained in your 'personal' papers is the same as that in the originals which remain on official files I should be most grateful if you, and your heirs, would agree to treat the papers in the same way as the originals, which are subject to the Public Records Act. This would mean first that third parties should not be granted access to them, without the consent of the Cabinet Office, for 30 years and secondly that before any such access is granted the papers would be reviewed so that we can ensure that any which are copies of public records being held back from public release for longer than 30 years would similarly be held back among your papers. I should also be grateful for an assurance that you and your heirs will not transfer the papers out of this country and that if you or they should wish to dispose of the papers at any time assurances in the terms of this paragraph would be sought from anyone to whom they are transferred.

Your papers may include correspondence with The Queen and I have recently undertaken to the Palace to ensure that former Prime Ministers and/or their Trustees are aware of the policy regarding such correspondence. The general policy, to which there have been few exceptions, is that the publication of such correspondence is not permitted. Any proposal for letters from the Sovereign to the Prime Minister to be used in any way - publication, lectures etc, - must first be referred to the Sovereign's Private Secretary as ex officio Keeper of The Queen's Archives. The Private Secretary should also be consulted regarding any proposed use of letters from a Prime Minister to the Sovereign. These rules apply however old the papers are since The Queen's papers are not subject to the 30 year rule and not automatically available for use after a given period.

If you would like to discuss any of this, I am of course at your service. But if you are content to do so, I should be grateful if you would confirm that these arrangements are acceptable to you.

I have agreed arrangements on these lines with Margaret Thatcher and Harold Wilson, and I hope that they will be acceptable to you.

Yours ever,

Robin

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c- Miss Andrews



21st November 1991

Subject to Miss Andrews' advice, I had better pursue the invitation of X/. I have obviously got on the wrong side of Lord C.

Sir Robin

c- Miss Andrews
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ECS 25.11.

Thank you for your letter of 16th November about my No 10 papers. These are still in the Victoria Tower at the House of Lords and as far as I am concerned, I hope they can stay there for some time to come.

October

As you may have heard, Professor Kenneth Morgan, who is a very reputable historian and now Principal of the University College, Aberystwyth, is acting as my official biographer. He has been going through the boxes of papers but he has agreed with me that nothing should be published for several years yet.

Of course I have no intention of transferring the papers out of the country. I have had a number of requests for their permanent home; at the moment I am inclined to let the London School of Economics have them in due course.

X/ May I suggest that you should have a talk with Professor Morgan in order to clear up any difficulties. If you would like to get in touch with him directly, please do so.

Yours sincerely

James Callaghan

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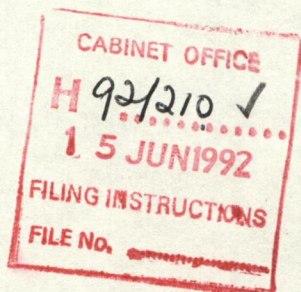
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c. Miss Andrews

10 June, 1992

~~Meeting arranged~~
~~for Mon 6 July~~
at noon. Please
could I have a brief
by close on 2 July.
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Dear Sir Robin,

I am sorry for the delay in trying to rearrange a meeting but I am sure you will understand that movements between Aberystwyth and central London are not straightforward. I will, however, be in London to give a lecture in the London School of Economics at 4.30 p.m. on Monday, 6 July. Is there any possibility that I could see you, for example in the later morning or immediately after lunch on that day? If that is not convenient for you I will see if another time can be arranged later in the summer.

Yours sincerely,

Principal

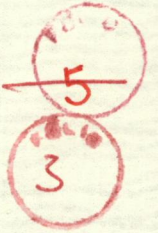
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25 March, 1992

Dear Sir Robin,

I was so sorry to have to postpone our meeting on 14 April. I now find that something has cropped up urgently in Aberystwyth which necessitates my returning there at the start of that week. I am very sorry if this has caused inconvenience for you. I quite understand that you cannot make the 22 April when I shall be in London. Perhaps the best thing would be if I telephoned your secretary very shortly to see whether another day can be arranged in the near future.

With apologies again.

Yours sincerely,

Principal

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When he rings, pl. re-rew
him that there is no urgency but
that I just didn't want the matter forgotten.
RBB

11 March, 1992

Dear Sir Robin, 13.3.

Thank you for your letter of 9 March.

I shall, of course, be delighted to see you in the near future. As you say it is not easy to get to London during the week from Aberystwyth. In addition, I am afraid, I did not gather from your letter of 28 November that there was any particular urgency about this and I am sorry if I have misinterpreted the wording in your letter. I will give your office a ring in the next day or two. Perhaps I might say that much the most convenient time for me would be during the Easter vacation, before or after the Easter weekend, when I should be in Oxford but I appreciate that the calling of the general election on 9 April may make this a less than straightforward time for you. At any rate, I will ring up and I hope that we are able to fix a date shortly.

Yours sincerely,

Kenneth Morgan
Principal

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9 March 1992

c- Miss Andrews
D 11.6.92.

Dear Professor Morgan,

We corresponded last year about Lord Callaghan's papers and you agreed, in principle, to a meeting to discuss the matter.

I am reluctant to press you on this and I appreciate the difficulties you have in getting to London during term time but I should like to get the matter settled and should therefore be glad to know if you are yet able to suggest a convenient date.

You may like to give my office a ring on the above number.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Butler

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