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From the Private Secretary

17 May 1979

Rhodesian Elections: Lord Boyd's Report

The Prime Minister has now seen Lord Boyd's report, which was delivered to No.10 yesterday, on the elections held in Zimbabwe/Rhodesia in April. I understand that a copy of the report has been delivered separately to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary. You may, however, like to have the enclosed copy of Lord Boyd's covering letter to the Prime Minister; and a copy of the letter to Lord Colville from the Suffragan Bishop of Mashonaland, which Lord Boyd has sent to me separately (it relates to paragraph 41 of Lord Boyd's report).

The Prime Minister has agreed that a copy of Lord Boyd's report should be made available to Mr. Cyrus Vance as soon as possible; she would like Mr. Vance to be aware of the contents when she and Lord Carrington meet him on 21 May.

The Prime Minister would be grateful for early advice from the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary on the publication of the observers' report. It would be helpful if Lord Carrington's advice could cover the questions of timing, format, inclusion or exclusion of appendices, the line to be taken with the press and the advisability or otherwise of publishing Mr. John Drinkwater's separate report at the same time as the main report. It would be helpful if advice could reach me by 1700 tomorrow, 18 May.

I am sending a copy of this letter and enclosures to Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

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