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THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January 1983

These Thickard,

Thank you for your letter of 13 January.

I hope to be able to let you have a copy of the Franks Committee Report at midday on Monday 17 January and to publish it at 4.30 pm the following day.

As regards the statement accompanying publication of the Report on Tuesday, I think that the House will expect me to describe briefly the ground covered by the Report and its main conclusions. I understand that your view is that such a statement should be made orally, and I agree. I propose therefore to make an oral statement including the suggestion that we should have a very early debate on the Report.

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The Right Honourable Michael Foot MP