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From the Private Secretary

28 August 1979

Rhodesia

Thank you for your letter of 22 August about the scope, or rather the lack of it, for exercising leverage through our aid programmes on certain Commonwealth countries in order to influence their attitudes towards the Rhodesia problem.

The Prime Minister has seen your letter and has taken note of the background. She has raised two specific questions. Firstly, the Prime Minister is under the impression that, inspite of the present Government's cuts, the UK aid programme in 1979/80 will still be 2% higher than it was last year: is this the case? Secondly, the Prime Minister would be glad to have confirmation that the additional £10 million in agricultural aid which is to be offered to Zambia, and which she asked to be withheld for the time being for tactical reasons, is in fact still in abeyance. I should be grateful for advice on both points.

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