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Security Commission

With his minute of 26th March, Sir Robert Armstrong attached a draft press notice containing an announcement about changes in the membership of the Security Commission. In your minute of 28th March, you conveyed the Prime Minister's agreement to this method of announcement subject to some changes to the draft.

2. Since then, the Home Office have raised with us the question of how to announce Lord Bridge's additional appointment as Judicial Monitor for Interception. The Home Office are anxious not to draw particular attention to the announcement of this additional function which Lord Bridge will have as Chairman of the Security Commission. They have suggested to us and Sir Robert Armstrong agrees that the best way of doing this would be to include a reference in the Notice for Editors which will be issued at the time of the announcement of Lord Bridge's appointment. If you are content with this procedure, the following sentence could be added:
'Lord Bridge will also take over Lord Diplock's role of monitoring the arrangements for the interception of communications set out in Cmd 7873 "The Interception of Communications in Great Britain"'.
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