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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

From:
Michael Foot MP

3 December 1982

Dee Margaret

Thank you for letting me know of your ^{3.12.} intention to refer the case of Miss Rhona Ritchie to the Security Commission. This is acceptable to me.

I hope that this will not mean that we cannot have a debate on security until the Security Commission has dealt with this case. John Biffen made it clear yesterday that you are reluctant to have a debate until we have the Security Commission report on the Prime case. The Opposition's preference would be for a general debate before then but in any event we ought not to have to wait until every single case is dealt with by the Commission before we respond to the general desire in the House for such a debate.

M. Foot

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher MP

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From the Principal Private Secretary note

~~Mr. Rockett~~
To see

Sir Robert Armstrong
will draft a reply to Foot.

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

WR
7/12

I attach a copy of a letter from the Leader of the Opposition in reply to the Prime Minister's letter about Miss Rhona Ritchie, of which I also enclose a copy. I should be grateful if you could now advise on the terms of an announcement, presumably by Written Answer.

B/F

I have shown the letter to the Lord President, and I am sending a copy of it with this minute to David Heyhoe.

FR. R. B.

6 December 1982

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