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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 July 1983

IN CONFIDENCE

Dear Michael

The Security Commission have now submitted their report on the case of Miss Rhona Ritchie, which was remitted to them on 21 December, 1982. I should like to publish this report before Parliament rises for the Recess.

I am enclosing with this letter, for the present on Privy Counsellor terms, a copy of the text of the report as prepared for publication. It is as submitted by the Security Commission, save for six minor drafting amendments to protect particular aspects of security (mainly the source of the reports about Miss Ritchie which reached the Security Service). Nothing substantive has been omitted. If you thought it was important to know exactly what the amendments are, the Secretary of the Cabinet would come and show them to you.

As you will see, the report does not contain any major conclusions or recommendations for changes of security procedure. Given that, I should be inclined to announce publication of the report by way of a Written Answer to a Parliamentary Question, to which the text of the report could be annexed in Hansard - *this would save a separate White Paper.*

If you agree, I should be grateful if you would put a question down to me tomorrow, on the following lines, for

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written answer on Thursday, 28 July:-

To ask the Prime Minister, whether she has received the Security Commission's report on the case of Miss Rhona Ritchie.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Holden

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The Rt. Hon. Michael Foot, M.P.