



Prime Minister  
 Agree to meet  
 Sir David Orr?

Ref. A085/982

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Armed Forces Pay Review Body

Sir David Orr, the Chairman of the Armed Forces Pay Review Body, rang up this morning. He was speaking from a sick bed as he has had a bad attack of influenza and was clearly not at all well.

2. He said that the Armed Forces Pay Review Body had more or less agreed upon its lines of recommendation and its report was nearing completion. He made it clear that the Government was likely to find the recommendations unwelcome. He thought that, before he submitted it, it would be useful if he could come to see the Prime Minister, to explain the background to her. He would like to bring his successor, Sir Peter Matthews, with him; and he would prefer to see the Prime Minister without any other Ministers being present (though he would be content for me to be there).

3. I said that in my judgment it would be useful for him to come and see the Prime Minister privately before the report was formally submitted. We agreed that it would not now be possible for such a meeting to take place before Easter, not least because of Sir David Orr's current state of health. He goes out of the country for a week on 12 April. A meeting could not therefore take place before the week beginning 22 April. I said that I thought that the Government would not object if the report did not reach them until after that week; it would be better for the conversation with Sir David Orr to happen before the report was submitted rather than after it.

4. If the Prime Minister is content, I should be grateful if you could suggest a date which I could propose to Sir David Orr for a meeting.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

29 March 1985



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*From the Principal Private Secretary*

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

ARMED FORCES PAY REVIEW BODY

Thank you for your minute (A085/982), which the Prime Minister has read and noted. The Prime Minister would be glad to see Sir David Orr on the basis suggested in your minute and could offer him half an hour at 1130 hrs on Monday 22 April. Perhaps your office could confirm to Mrs Ryder in due course whether Sir David Orr could manage this time.

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2 April 1985

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~~Caroline~~ Ryder

Pl. will you suggest  
a date in the week  
beginning 22 April.

30 minutes needed

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11.30 - 12.00

Monday 22

April.

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