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From the Principal Private Secretary

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The Lord Privy Seal and Sir Robert Armstrong had a short conversation today about Sir Derek Rayner's wish to announce that he was formally giving up the leadership of his Unit. It was agreed that such an announcement should be made, but not immediately since Sir Derek Rayner was abroad until 20 September and the Prime Minister would be in the Far East from 16-29 September. The precise timing of the announcement can be considered further when the Prime Minister returns: I am sending a message to Sir Derek Rayner's office to that effect.

I am copying this letter to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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