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From Sir Derek Rayner

Yes
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Thank you so much for your letters of 7 and 9 September which were awaiting me on my return from Canada.

I shall, of course, be happy to send to the Prime Minister the letter as revised by the draft you attached to your letter of 7 September but I will hold sending it until I hear from you.

Yes
I assume that Sir Robert Armstrong has had sight of the revised draft and I shall be seeking to see him on Friday, following his return from Canada.

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From the Principal Private Secretary

9 September 1982

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Further to my earlier letter this is to let you know that the Prime Minister had a short talk with the Lord Privy Seal about your draft letter about your wish formally to give up leadership of the Rayner Unit. No changes were suggested to the draft attached to my earlier letter, but the Prime Minister and the Lord Privy Seal agreed that they would like to think further about its implications for future organisation. The Lord Privy Seal and Sir Robert Armstrong will be carrying this forward while the Prime Minister is away in the Far East, and felt that it would be better not to fix a precise date for the announcement until they had been able to have a further word following the Prime Minister's return on 29 September.

So I will if I may be in touch with you again at about that time to settle the arrangements for the announcement.

E. E. R. BUTLER

Sir Derek Rayner