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PERSONAL

Michael House,
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From Sir Derek Rayner

13 October 1982

Dear Robin,

You wrote to me on 9 September advising that it would be better to delay the announcement of my resignation as leader of the Rayner Unit until the Prime Minister's return at the end of that month.

Subsequent to that I had a meeting with Robert Armstrong who gave me further information and brought me up to date as to what was in hand.

I am appreciative of the difficulties that need resolution, but I should be grateful if you would urge the Prime Minister to agree that I send the revised draft letter to her in the reasonably near future. I am away in the Far East from this weekend until the end of the month and I would like to believe that on my return I can take the appropriate action. This would only regularise what is now largely a fact and I am anxious, as you know, that my stepping back from the detailed involvement of the past is not seen as a loss of interest in carrying forward the work, particularly the programme under discussion for 1983.

*Yours ever
Derek*

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From the Principal Private Secretary

IN CONFIDENCE

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

I enclose a copy of a personal letter I have had from Sir Derek Rayner. I think that the Prime Minister will regard it as reasonable that he should send the letter about his position, and that the associated announcement should be made, shortly after his return from the Far East at the end of this month. Does that look likely to be possible from your end ?

F.R.B.

13 October 1982

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