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MR SPARROW

At our meeting this morning we discussed certain questions which arise in connection with the demise of the CPRS.

2. As I told you, the Prime Minister has asked me to see that proper control is kept over the papers of the CPRS when it is disbanded. Members of the CPRS are not to take away with them official papers which they have acquired or helped to produce as members of the CPRS, or any copies of such papers. There should be no relaxation of control over the distribution of CPRS papers between now and its disbandment. In particular, it will be necessary to control the distribution of papers recording the experiences of the CPRS or the state of your work in progress. I should be grateful if you or Mr Caines would have a word with me if there is any doubt or difficulty on this score.

3. As to the archives of the CPRS, my view is that they should be held together as a single archive. The Cabinet Office will retain custody of the files. Present members of the CPRS who are continuing to work in the Cabinet Office or in 10 Downing Street may have access to those files in so far as that is required for official purposes. There will be instructions that my office should be consulted before access is granted to anyone else for any purpose.

4. The CPRS archives are public records and will be held as such. I do not envisage that access will be granted to historians or others who are writing accounts of the work of the CPRS, even if those people are themselves former members of the CPRS.

5. You asked about copies of Ministerial correspondence. My Private Office will be responsible for supplying copies of Ministerial correspondence to Dr Nicholson as appropriate. Mr Pascall and Mr Young will look to 10 Downing Street for their distribution.

6. Parliamentary Questions and other inquiries about the CPRS are to be directed in the first instance to my office so that we can decide how best to deal with them.

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From the Principal Private Secretary

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SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

WINDING UP OF THE CPRS

The Prime Minister has asked me to have a word with you and asked you to see that proper control is kept over the papers of the CPRS when it is disbanded at the end of this month.

The Prime Minister would be grateful if you would ensure that members of the CPRS do not take away with them official papers which they have acquired or helped to produce as members of the CPRS, and that there is no relaxation of control over the distribution of CPRS papers during the final stages of its operations. It will be particularly necessary to control the distribution of any papers which the CPRS prepare recording their experiences or the state of their work-in-progress at the moment of their disbandment.

F.R.B.

11 July 1983

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