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From the Private Secretary

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Thank you for your letter of 11 February. When the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary called on the Prime Minister this morning there was some discussion of the way in which our current review of policy should be conducted. Mr. Pym said that a paper setting out the options would be sent to the Prime Minister shortly. The Prime Minister agreed with Mr. Pym's view that it would be sensible for Sir Edward Youde to discuss the various policy options with EXCO.

We will, as you suggest, set aside a time in the week beginning 7 March for discussion of the paper but, before firm arrangements are made to bring Sir E. Youde and Sir P. Cradock back, it may be best to await the Prime Minister's reactions to the paper.

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