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*From the Principal Private Secretary*

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I have looked into the distribution arrangements for the PM's diary. I think it would be better not to change the present arrangements, which were made on the PM's express instructions and have applied throughout her time as PM (except that circulation of the version you already get was restricted after a page was found in the House of Commons and published in the Daily Mirror!).

There are two versions of the daily

diary :-

a. 'Classified'

b. 'Unclassified'

a. differs from b. in including secret meetings,

the subject of meetings and people attending.

Its circulation is restricted to <sup>the Prime Minister and</sup> the Private

Office only. It does not go outside it,

e.g. to Sir Robert Armstrong, Bernard Ingham,

David Wolfson, the detectives or the Cabinet

Room or Study. I think that, if you can

bear it, it is an important protection to

the PM to stick to that rule. Once I agree to

going beyond it some of those mentioned above

would want me to extend it further. FEB 26.3.