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NOTE FOR THE RECORD: ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM CHEQUERS MEETING
ON 20 APRIL 1984

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The main purpose of the meeting held at Chequers at 1930 on 20 April 1984 was to bring the Prime Minister up to date with developments in the crisis in Anglo/Libyan relations which had been sparked off by the shooting incident in St. James's Square on 17 April. The meeting was attended by the Home Secretary, the Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Mr Luce) and Sir Robert Armstrong.

In the course of the meeting, the Prime Minister asked for action to be taken on the following points once the immediate crisis had passed:-

(i)

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(ii) The FCO should produce a report on the accreditation of diplomats in this country. This report should cover in particular the following points:-

- (a) how do we decide who should be accredited as a diplomat, and who takes the decision;
- (b) is there any element of reciprocity between the number of diplomats allowed in London, and the number of diplomats which we are allowed in the corresponding foreign capital;
- (c) what is the policy on diplomatic status of premises, and why in particular did the Libyans have four separate immune establishments in London, including a garage?

(iii) Why did first reports from Tripoli suggest that our Ambassador and his staff had evacuated the Embassy, when later this proved not to have been the case?

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