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PM's meeting with Sir Edwin  
Bramall, Chief of Defence Staff

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From the Private Secretary

Prime Minister

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CDS is coming to  
take his leave.

Mr. Catford's note

attached reminds you that  
his appointment as Lord  
Lieutenant of Greater London  
will be announced on  
Tuesday.

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FROM THE PRESS SECRETARY

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PRIME MINISTER

Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall

We shall have to  
do more than this.

Either we (Premier) do it  
as he does in the Capital  
or the City.

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Field Marshal Bramall will be seeing you on Monday to take his leave as Chief of the Defence Staff.

We are on Tuesday announcing his appointment as the next Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, to take effect (at his request) at the beginning of February 1986.

He seems to have been slightly worried throughout my talks with him about both his future accommodation in or near London when he relinquishes his MOD flat, and also about the provision of secretarial and other services provided for Lord-Lieutenants.

We have done our best to help him over renting a flat in Central London, but various possibilities contrived by the Duchy of Cornwall have fallen through and I understand now that he is negotiating for a house in the Camberley area.

Normally Lord-Lieutenants receive a good deal of help from the County over transport and secretarial help. The winding up of the GLC obviously gives rise to some uncertainty in the present case, but I have done my best to reassure him that suitable arrangements will be made either by the residual body or perhaps one of the Boroughs. As soon as his appointment is made public, he can talk to the present Clerk to the Lord-Lieutenancy (the GLC Director General) who I know will be entirely co-operative.

1 November 1985

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10 DOWNING STREET

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*From the Principal Private Secretary*

10 September 1982

Your letter of 7 September to Clive Whitmore was passed to me, since Clive has now left and I have succeeded him. I showed it to the Prime Minister and she would be delighted to see you in October/November. I am asking my Office to be in touch with yours to arrange a date.

F. E. R. BUTLER

Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall, G.C.B.,  
O.B.E., M.C.

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FIELD MARSHAL SIR EDWIN BRAMALL, G.C.B., O.B.E., M.C.  
Colonel Commandant 3rd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets

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7 Sept 82

Dear Chris

As you will probably know, I take over the job of Chief of the Defence Staff on 1 October, although, of course and quite properly, Terry Levin will be doing the honours' with the Prime Minister at the Falklands parade on 12 October.

When all that has died down and after the Party Conference season is over, I wondered if it might be possible to come and see the Prime Minister for a short chat. There is nothing particular that I wish to see her about; but I was hoping that the excellent, close and fruitful rapport she established with Terry and to some extent all the Chiefs of Staff

Delivered me

Prime Minister  
If you agree, I will find a date (John Nott thinks it a good idea).



during the Falklands crisis could to some extent, and in a lower key, be maintained.

I thought the Prime Minister might also find it useful at this stage to have a short general talk on Defence matters, so that she can make her views of her own views and perhaps have some opinion. The CDS is now in a better position to 'deliver' vis à vis the other Chiefs of Staff, than perhaps hitherto and I think to be one of the Government's principal advisers (usually high sqs) on strategic and Defence matters. She will be, through close acquaintance, & know how much weight she can give to that advice!

We talked about this briefly a few weeks back & you seemed to favour the idea. I will be spending a week with the Fleet in mid October & three days with the RAF later in the month, but there are plenty of days in <sup>late</sup> October & November & fit in with your office. Perhaps you could sometime let me know your own 'Division'.

With best wishes



