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Mr Partridge
Mr Hilary
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(Pl. draw N. Birt's
attention to the HS's
dislike of the word extremists
in this context.)

~~Mr Harrington~~

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SPECIAL BRANCH GUIDELINES

The Home Secretary has seen your further submission of 10 December. He is entirely content with the proposal to issue the guidelines as quickly as possible and to send them to the Home Affairs Committee as soon as they are distributed. He is also prepared, reluctantly, to agree to the use of the word "extremists" in paragraph 7 of the guidelines for the reasons given in your submission. He would, however, find the word difficult to defend himself.

2. I understand that Lord Elton is content for the guidelines and covering letter to be circulated as a separate unnumbered circular to Chief Constables.

HTaylor

Private Office
12.12.84.

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Principal Private Secretary