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*From the Principal Private Secretary*

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

You will see from the attached minute that the Prime Minister is not so far persuaded about the suggestion of Professor Alan Peacock as the Chairman of the Inquiry into ways of financing the BBC. The Home Secretary emphasised that it was essential to have somebody who had no known position or vested interest but had intellect and drive and a standing which would command respect. If you can think of any paragon who would satisfy this description, I am sure that the Prime Minister would be very grateful.

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