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The Rt Hon Edward du Cann MP
House of Commons
London SW1

12th August 1981

Thank you very much for your letter of
3rd August.

There is an identity of view between us.

I have shown your letter to the Prime
Minister.

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From: the Rt. Hon. Edward du Cann, M.P.

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Re attached

3 August 1981

My dear Ian.

Many thanks for your private letter. We have already talked about Adam Raphael's article and you know how upset I am about it.

I was very surprised to see what he wrote. I have a feeling that this matter derives more from speculation than information but I will, of course, discuss the matter with the Executive of the 1922 Committee next time we meet.

Please tell the Prime Minister how very angry I am to see what purports to be a reference to the Executive's meeting last week, particularly as it gives such a misleading impression.

You are right: there is a firm basis of confidentiality in these meetings which the Executive has with the Prime Minister. It would be bitterly disappointing if at any time this was breached; indeed unforgiveable.

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du Cann MP.

4th August 1981

Francis Pym ~~asked~~ asked me to let you have the text of his speech last Saturday and I have pleasure in enclosing it herewith.

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The Rt Hon Edward du Cann MP

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3rd August 1981

I have seen the front page of yesterday's Observer.

As you know, the Prime Minister values, greatly, the opportunity to meet the Officers and Executive of the 1922 Committee; these meetings always take place on the basis that they are private.

This has meant that the Prime Minister is able to talk frankly to the Executive.

The report in the Observer by Adam Raphael is deeply disturbing, and I know that you will agree that this is so.

Incidents of this kind greatly undermine the whole basis of confidentiality which ought to exist between the Executive and the Prime Minister.

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