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Mr Mulligan 9/4

Mr Bpton: Dear Sir,

Before this question is referred to Mr Morrison
I have to refer to your letter of 8th March, 1968, rejecting this Ministry's request to purchase a Rover 3.5 litre saloon for the use of the Inspector General of the Royal Ulster Constabulary and to inform you that while the Inspector General is fully aware of the present need for economy, the nature of his duties cannot be described as identical to that of Cabinet Ministers.

I think we should note Mr Mulligan's views about the 'headroom' argument.
On many occasions he is required to wear full uniform with forage cap, consequently the replacement for his present car must allow adequate back seat headroom and at the same time be acceptable from a prestige point of view. Such vehicles do not appear to exist within the price limit fixed. Attached is a schedule showing the various prices of cars within the price range of under £1,600 and under £2,000 but over £1,600

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It is requested that the matter be reconsidered in the light of the Inspector General's comments and your department's approval to purchase a new car for the Inspector General at a cost exceeding £1,600 but under £2,000 be given.

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Yours faithfully,

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