

Prime Minister

Roy Jenkins

1. I lunched today with Patrick Cormack.
2. As I think you know, he has been a close friend of Reg Prentice for many years. Indeed, Patrick's wife typed Reg Prentice's letter of resignation from the Labour Government.
3. Patrick is going over to see Roy Jenkins in Brussels in a fortnight's time. Patrick told me, that, in his view, there is a real prospect that Roy Jenkins will join our Party when his present appointment comes to an end on 31st December.
4. Patrick is going to report to me after his forthcoming meeting with Jenkins.
5. Frankly I discount this possibility, because all our previous information including the recent Dimpleby Lecture, indicated that Jenkins would come to an understanding with Steel, and join the Liberals.

Nevertheless, I pass this on for what it is worth.

Ian Gow

1.2.80.