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Mr Gow.

arranged for
16.15 on Thursday
ext. any special
briefing required?

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Prime Minister

1. As you know, Russell Sanderson was elected Chairman of the National Union Executive Committee on 30th June.

2. There will be more restlessness among the natives at this year's Party Conference than last, and you know, already, that there is substantial disquiet not only in the Parliamentary Party, but in the Party in the country about the Rate Support Grant and related matters.

3. Although your diary is absolutely ghastly, I think that it would flatter Sanderson, and pay dividends, if you were to invite him, following his election as Chairman (for 5 years) to have a drink and a chat for half an hour. May I arrange this with Caroline, please? *yes not*

4. If you do agree to this, would you want to have Sanderson on his own, or would you like him to be accompanied by the President of the National Union, Edward du Cann?

5. There is something to be said for having both together.

Yes - if E du Cann would like that.

1st July, 1981

Ian Gow

cc: Caroline Stephens.

*Sir Russell Sanderson
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I attach a letter from Sir Russell Sanderson and he will undoubtedly ask the Prime Minister if he can see her on a regular basis. What do you feel? Three times a year really is a little excessive.

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8 July, 1981