

PRIME MINISTER

David Wolfson asked me to set up a meeting to discuss the Government's basic economic and industrial strategy with the following people:-

Mr. Whitelaw
Sir Keith Joseph
Sir Geoffrey Howe
Lord Soames
John Nott
Michael Heseltine
Peter Walker
Jim Prior
David Howell

I am having more than a little difficulty getting them altogether. The only possible date (unless we leave it until the middle of July) seems to be Monday 18 June. The major disadvantage of this date is that Sir Geoffrey and Peter Walker will be in Luxembourg. I have had a word with John Hoskyns about this and he wonders whether you would be prepared to go ahead with this meeting without Sir Geoffrey as (a) John Hoskyns knows Sir Geoffrey's thinking, (b) he would have a meeting with him prior to this meeting and (c) he would circulate a paper in good time to receive both Sir Geoffrey's and Peter Walker's comments. John Hoskyns also suggests that John Biffen should be invited instead of Sir Geoffrey.

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31 May 1979

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10 DOWNING STREET

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4 = Ld Soames ✓

5 = M. Wickham + lunch

2 = Sir Keith ✓ No lunch (18)

1 * Sir Geoffrey Luxemborgs ::

3 = John Nott ✓ + lunch

J. G. H.

4 = Michael Heseltine ✓ No lunch

5 = Peter Walker :: Luxemborgs:

2 = Jim Prior ✓ No lunch

3 = David Howell ✓ No lunch

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policy unit: - to basic/strategy & coordination
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Econ Policy DS



cc: D/I D/En
 D/Exp MAFF
 LPO HMT
 DOE CST
 DIT John Hoskyns

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From the Private Secretary

of 15.6.79.

5 June 1979

Dear John,

I am writing to confirm that the Prime Minister is holding a meeting on Monday, 18 June from 1100-1300 here at No.10. John Hoskyns will be preparing a brief and the following people have already been invited: Sir Keith Joseph, Mr. Prior, Lord Soames, Michael Heseltine, John Nott and David Howell.

Peter Walker has sent his regrets as he will be in Luxembourg, and so will either the Chancellor or John Biffen. Whichever one does not go to Luxembourg will be attending the meeting.

Yours sincerely
 Cecile Stephan

John Chilcot, Esq.,
 Home Office.

JS

Ken,

I have received
messages from you about
the briefing paper for 18th
June meeting & also about
a note concerning the
meeting.

I find that Caroline has
already done the letter
(attached). I don't propose
to circulate discussion paper
till latter half of next
week. Have we got crossed
wires?

J.A.

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PURPOSE OF THE STRATEGY MEETING

"It is of the utmost importance that, from the outset, we are absolutely clear on the key objectives which we must achieve if we are to get the country onto the road of economic recovery. Once those objectives are clearly established, then we can agree the broad strategic framework for reaching those objectives.

The purpose of the meeting is to do these two things - establish the objectives and agree the strategic framework. Once that has been done, the Policy Unit, in conjunction with the appropriate people in your Departments and CPRS, can start on a programme of work to turn the strategy into reality.

John Hoskyns will circulate a briefing paper in the latter half of next week, outlining an approach to objectives and strategy and a framework for the meeting itself."

JH.

Is this OK?

JOHN HOSKYNS

6 June 1979