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NOTE

Meeting of Ministers at 11.30 a.m. on 14 May. Present were:-

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| Mr. William Whitelaw | Home Secretary |
| Lord Hailsham | Lord Chancellor |
| Lord Carrington | Foreign Secretary |
| Mr. Francis Pym | Secretary of State for
Defence |
| Lord Soames | Lord President |
| Sir Ian Gilmour | Lord Privy Seal |
| Mr. John Nott | Secretary of State for
Trade. |

E.B.

Private Office say that this Government may want more rather than less secrecy about meetings, composition, etc. of Cabinet Committees. The Prime Minister is to discuss this with Sir John Hunt so for the time being it would be preferable not to refer specifically to the "Overseas and Defence Committee" until there is a clear-cut decision on the matter as a whole. We have therefore told the Lobby that today's 11.30 meeting was "a meeting of Ministers" and given names.

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