

MR VEREKER

MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER: FRIDAY, 11 JUNE

We discussed Renewing the Values of Society. It was agreed that an ad hoc meeting of Ministers should be set up, probably for the week after next, to include Sir Keith Joseph, Messrs Whitelaw, Tebbit, Heseltine, Fowler and Macfarlane. I promised to circulate a tidied-up version of the paper. I suggested that she might launch the values theme in her Conference Speech - which seemed to appeal to her.

We discussed in detail:

- How to occupy young people during the summer holidays.
- Children's broadcasting.
- The school curriculum.

The Prime Minister suggested that we contact: Lord Selston, Butlins Holiday Camps; Michael Rutter; Anthony ~~St~~een, the Royal Institute (maths classes at weekends); Leonard Williams of the building societies (re pocket money).

Policy Unit

I said that we needed 2 more people: an official, probably of Principal rank and from one of the home departments, to perform JV's role on domestic/social topics; and a more political animal to assist in the preparation of the Manifesto. The Prime Minister agreed.

I also said that the research department and the special advisers etc were ready and anxious to start on the preparation of the Manifesto. The Prime Minister agreed about the urgency, and expressed the view that they should not feel inhibited about getting on with it.

I said that, pending agreement on the general Renewing Values campaign, the Policy Unit intended to prod individual departments on individual schemes. The Prime Minister said that we must keep on prodding on all fronts.

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