LOBBY BRIEFING

PRIME MINISTER'S ENGAGEMENTS

Cabinet met from 1030 to 1310. All present except Lord Carrington (The Hague).

time: 4.30 date: 31.5.79

Later the Prime Minister had a meeting with Len Murray and Jim Prior.

MEETING WITH LEN MURRAY

We could not give a time for the meeting - there was space in the diary for it to last up to 1½ hours. There was no agenda, no subject headings for discussion. The decision not to give timings had been agreed between the TUC and ourselves. Genesis of the meeting? It had "emerged" - a fair assumption would be that Mr. Prior had been instrumental in bringing it about.

VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

We could not confirm that this had been discussed at this morning's Cabinet. On the question of the refugees on the "Roach Bank", our position was quite clear: HMG was continuing to press the Taiwanese authorities to admit the refugees.

DOCTORS AND DENTISTS' PAY

Publication could be expected "very soon" - early next week.

FUTURE CABINETS

At present no Cabinet had been fixed for any day between now and Budget day (June 12).

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