

CARS AT NO. 10

I have discussed with Janet Hewlett-Davies (DoE), Dennis Hogg (PSA Press Office) and Colin Peterson.

The old Rover 3.5s are nearing the end of their working lives after doing a high mileage and are due for replacement. The PM had a trial run yesterday (Thursday, 31 May) in a red Daimler Sovereign, as was observed, and she may try other cars in the near future. A decision will be taken in due course. [A Ford Minster, Ford Dorchester and Daimler Limousine have been suggested but we should mention no names or models in advance of trial.]

I have asked that Press Office should be given advance warning, where possible, of the arrival of a new car for trial so that we are able to confirm its presence if the press see it and enquire, as they did yesterday.

I am copying this to Janet Hewlett-Davies so that her Press Office may take a similar line, if questioned.

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