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PRIME MINISTER

Has seen

Prin. Minister

Michael Heseltine is attending NEDC tomorrow to present his papers at Flag A. But the Chancellor would also like to announce that he will become a

permanent member of the Council.

We are due to have a word when we meet next Thursday about the Agenda for the February meeting of the NEDC which you are to chair. I should like then to raise again with you the possibility of adding Michael Heseltine to the Ministerial team on the Council.

Contact? Will discuss 12. not

2. There is no necessity to fill the one vacant Ministerial seat but I think there is quite a good case for including Michael. He is a regular attender at the meetings of both the NEDO Building and Civil Engineering EDCs and made a most useful contribution at a meeting I held on Wednesday with a small group of EDC/SWP Chairmen.

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3. Michael is due to attend the November Council meeting to present papers on the work of his Department in relation to industry: so that would be a convenient time to add him to the Council, if you felt that was right.

4. There are, of course, other factors to consider - may we have a word about this at the same time as we discuss the Agenda for the February meeting, next Thursday.

Yes not

(G.H.)

20th October 1980