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*From the Private Secretary*

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When the Prime Minister met the Chancellor last night, they discussed the question of whether Mr. Heseltine should become a member of the NEDC.

The Prime Minister asked whether it was really necessary to have six Ministers on the Council. The Chancellor said that, assuming Mr. Heseltine was appointed, it would be the normal aim for only five Ministers to attend Council meetings. On that basis, the Prime Minister agreed that Mr. Heseltine should be appointed.

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