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PRIME MINISTER

STATEMENTS NEXT WEEK

As far as we can tell this morning, the timetable for Statements and important Written Answers early next week now looks like this.

	<u>Statements</u>	<u>Written PQs</u>
Monday 15 Dec.	Yellowlees Housing (England)	Yellowlees
Tuesday 16 Dec.	1. RSG (England) - 2. Housing and RSG (Wales) - 3. Textiles	<u>T.S.G. read.</u>
Wednesday 17 Dec.	1. Fish - 2. RSG (Scotland)	Gas Pipeline

Sailed to Am.
Cap. Howard
Preston
Greenwich
Countdown Nordor

60% - 3p.
Bl. Grant -
Dealing Need.

The only question remaining to be decided, provided that no-one raises unexpected objections to this timetable, is whether we should have three Statements on Tuesday. The textiles Statement will not be able to contain full information about the position because negotiations will still be going on. There was some feeling in the Cabinet Office yesterday that it might be sensible to defer the textiles Statement because it might turn out to be rather flat, but Mr. Nott very much wants to do it next week.

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Counter-
productive
in Brussels

I suppose that the only alternative would be to take it on Thursday 18 December, but that is very late in the week for an important Statement. Doing it on Monday is possible, but we should need

the business managers' views on the impact on the guillotine (if we need one).

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You might remit the whole this to the business managers - rather

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than try to reach final decisions today.