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PRIME MINISTER

ENTERPRISE ZONES: NORTH EAST WALES

I have circulated a paper (E(81)7) on a second Enterprise Zone in Wales - on Deeside - for discussion at E next week. It would be useful if it proved possible to discuss this proposal before the Welsh Day Debate on 22 January since, if it is approved by E, I would be able to make an announcement in the debate. I would very much like to be able to do this for obvious reasons, but I would not wish to press the point if there would be real difficulties in arranging a meeting of E before next Thursday.

I am sending copies to members of E, George Younger, Humphrey Atkins, Robin Ibbs and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Prime Minister

Mr Heseltine will not be able to circulate

a paper paper on the remaining <sup>EZ</sup> issues before the E meeting set for next Tuesday. I really think it

would be better to def the Wales issue until the following week -

submitting Mich Edwards' point at

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14 January 1981

Can we not deal with Mr. H's points orally?  
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Some N Heseltine's office who said they saw no objection to Mr Edwards' paper being taken by E on Tuesday 20 January. There was general agreement, which would not be ready for a meeting on Tuesday, would not be agreed.

Then Mr Edwards' office and David Wright.

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