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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

17 December 1981

Dear Brian,

As I explained on the telephone, the Prime Minister would be grateful if an FCO Minister could attend a Ministerial meeting in her room in the House of Commons at 9.00 p.m. this evening. She is particularly concerned that the Minister in question should be able to advise on the likely impact on Anglo-American relations of BSC's proposal to acquire Kaiser Steel Inc.

You should know that knowledge of this matter is being very carefully restricted in Whitehall. The Prime Minister therefore hopes that whoever attends her meeting (and we should be grateful to know who it will be) will not tell others of it and will arrive at her room as discreetly as possible.

I enclose copies of certain papers which will indicate the stage reached in the discussions so far. Would you please note that the paper by the Department of Industry, Treasury and the CPRS, dated 17 December, now has no status. It was withdrawn following an earlier meeting. I enclose it now because it sets out the background usefully.

*Yours ever
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P.S. One official may also accompany the F./C.O. Minister if necessary.

Brian Fall, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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MR WHITMORE *km*

MR SCHOLAR

DUTY CLERK

The following will be attending the meeting with the Prime Minister at 21~~05~~ hrs this evening - Thursday, 17 December:-

- ✓ Secretary of State for Trade - No official
- ✓ ✓ Secretary of State for Industry - Mr Gordon Manzie, Mr David Young, 2 Americans - Lawyer Mr Samuel Butler, senior partner Cravath Swain & Moore; Mr John A Morgan, Vice-Chairman, Smith Barney Harris Upham & Company.
- ✓ Secretary of State for Scotland - Mr Hamish Laing
- ✓ Secretary of State for Wales - Mr R Lloyd-Jones
- ✓ Chief Secretary - ✓ Sir Douglas Wass
- ✓ *Mr. D. Hurd* ✓ Mr Robin Ibbs
✓ Sir Robert Armstrong
Lord Bridges

All the officials have either been told how to get to the Prime Minister's room or will be coming with their Secretary of State.

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*I have told them
all it is 9.15.*

17 December, 1981

~~MR.~~ WHITMORE
MR. SCHOLAR
DUTY CLERK

You asked me to find out where everyone could be contacted from 0915 onwards.

The numbers are as follows:

Patrick Jenkin	Room at the House
Nicholas Edwardes	219 5181
Mr. Lloyd-Jones	"
Chief Secretary	219 4500
Sir Douglas Wass	233 3620 P. Jenkin Room at the House.
Robin Ibbs	Federal 1460
Sir Robert Armstrong	722 6393 call 930-945, then 233 7609 * or 233 8319.
Trade	219 4540
George Younger	219 5161 (up to 7.30 and after 8.45)
Hamish Laing	"
Douglas Hurd	Room at House or Chamber
Lord Bridges	233 5923
Chancellor of the Exchequer	Strangers Dining Room, House
Cecil Parkinson	

Ian Gair

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MCS - Chancellor's Office

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Chancellor
Peter Grogan
Mr. Hurd
+ Havers (Att. Gen.)
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② via Mr. Austin Gov. Whys office. or Mr. Gair's Office at the



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With the compliments of

THE PRIVATE SECRETARY

Mr GWS

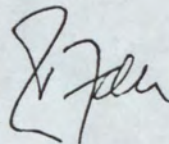
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in all concerned the need
for discretion. E. J. 17/12

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE
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Mr Lamport (PS/Mr Hurd)

I passed you earlier today some papers about a proposal by the British Steel Corporation. I now attach further relevant papers which have been sent to me by No. 10.

The Prime Minister has indicated that she would be happy for Mr Hurd to be accompanied by one FCO official, and she is particularly concerned that the FCO team should be able to advise on the likely impact on Anglo-American relations of BSC's proposal. I have spoken in your absence to Lord Bridges, who has advised on the earlier papers which were passed to us; he would be glad to accompany Mr Hurd. I am sending him copies of the most recent papers, but I shall be grateful if you will ensure that he has a chance to see the limited circulation annex of the discussion in 'E' committee.



(B J P Fall)
Private Secretary

17 December 1981

cc: Lord Bridges

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