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Prime Minister:

Agree to see Barber
Conable: The October dates
are possible and better than
November (between the Guildhall
speech + the State Opening)

Monday
no, not in
better than
Tuesday

Dear Tim,

Jr
19/8

Visit to London by the new President of
the World Bank

Barber Conable, who took over from Tom Clausen as President of the World Bank on 1 July, has asked to make an early visit to London to pay courtesy calls on Ministers. He has suggested either Monday 20 and Tuesday morning 21 October or Monday 10 and Tuesday morning 11 November. Later days in either of those weeks would be possible alternatives.

Conable has particularly asked if he might call on the Prime Minister on this occasion, as well as the Foreign Secretary and the Chancellor. The Prime Minister was good enough to receive Clausen in similar circumstances four years ago; and our relations with the World Bank are even more important to us now, given its enhanced role in dealing with the debt crisis following US Treasury Secretary Baker's initiative in Seoul last October. Conable's visit will afford us a good opportunity of underlining the Government's support for the Bank, and of rehearsing to him personally some of the policy points which the Chancellor will

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have made in his speech to the Annual Meeting in Washington next month. It is particularly welcome to have this opportunity of making our views known to him before he has been exposed to the Bank's internal pressures for too long. We therefore recommend that the Prime Minister should see Conable on this occasion. If that is agreed in principle, I should be glad to learn whether any of the dates which he has suggested would be convenient.

Yours Sincerely,
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PS The October dates
are impossible for the
Foreign Secretary.

