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PRIME MINISTER

EDUCATION REFORM

You have a meeting on Monday afternoon with Mr. Baker, the Chancellor and Mr. Ridley to discuss education reform. (A large paper has now arrived for weekend reading.)

There would be something to be said for the three main officials who have written this paper also attending. They are Walter Ulrich, Ken Ennals and John Anson.

I suggest this for three reasons. First, many of the questions which will be discussed are as much administrative and practical as political. It would help to have people on hand who know the detailed background. Secondly, they will have to do the further work which will follow from the meeting and it would be a great help to them to have been part of the discussion. Thirdly, if there are doubts and reservations it would be better so far as possible to discuss them up front rather than to have sapping and mining from below.

Agree to invite them?

Will discuss with Minister.

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