

PRIME MINISTER

You will recall agreeing to see Mary Whitehouse to talk about "video nasties". I have arranged a time for this and Derek and I will make arrangements to ensure that the visit is kept as private as possible.

May I have your permission, however, to let the Home Secretary know that you are seeing Mrs. Whitehouse and to obtain a brief from him? I would ask that knowledge of the meeting should not go beyond his Private Office. Alternatively, I could simply obtain a general background note on the current position but the former would, I think, be preferable.

Agree to proceed on that basis?

Yes ml

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