

PRIME MINISTER

As you know, the boost in funding students in engineering and technology (the "Switch") is being announced in the Budget speech. You have agreed to meet a number of industrialists to discuss the key contribution they can and must make to this programme, and have seen a list of the people DTI suggested should be invited (Flag A, with one new name).

A time has been set aside on the morning of Tuesday, 21 May for this meeting. The invitations should be despatched on Tuesday next week, after the Budget speech, and this should give the industrialists enough warning to allow a good many to attend.

The twenty-seven letters of invitation do not have to be signed until Monday night but you will probably prefer to sign them over the weekend, if possible. They are, therefore, attached at Flag B. If you would, however, like to make any changes to the letter, there will still be time to do so.

I attach a press release notice for information, at Flag C, which you cleared on Thursday night.

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PP (Mark Addison)

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