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From the Principal Private Secretary

Conclusion of a preliminary discussion between the Prime Minister, the Lord President and the Chief Whip on 23 May

Timing :- The PM said she would not rule out July. Lord Whitelaw favoured early July but was prepared to envisage the day or two after the House rose (expected to be 26 July - so 29 + 30 July)

Cabinet :-
Out - Hailsham (subject to accepting by-election in Wimbledon)
Jenkins
Rees
King?
Harex
In - Baker vice Jenkin
McGregor (or Wakeham?) vice Rees
Parkinson? vice Tebbit
Lifford? vice Younger
Movers - Tebbit → PM & Chairman of Party (also responsible for Govt. information so he could be paid)
Parkinson → Tebbit
or Wakeham
or Younger
McGregor → Rees (or Chief Whip)
Heseltine → King
Younger → Heseltine

Chief Whip Other possibilities: McGregor
Hunt
Brooke

Minister of State :-
Out - Butler - replaced by Lady Carnegie?
Gray
Lady Young (? - Lord Whitelaw says he will want to keep)
Raison?
Stradling Thomas - replaced by Keith Best or Mark Robinson
Movers - Gow → Home Office?
Morrison? (PM inclined to leave where it)
Channon? (leave where it or → FCO)