

PRIME MINISTER

EDUCATION SEMINAR

Extensive publicity has been given to your seminar tomorrow evening, and you should be aware of the media interest in it.

I have agreed that the media (behind barriers) may come into the street; to refuse would cause far more fuss than it is worth. They are principally interested in Ray Honeyford, the Bradford headmaster, whom we intend to warn.

There is no reason to suppose, given the publicity so far, that all your guests will treat the occasion as a private affair. But it might be worth your while at the outset to say that from time to time you hold private meetings of this kind to discuss the issues of the day and you find that you can have the best and frankest discussion if their confidentiality is accepted. Your office does not intend to volunteer anything about the seminar, other than to confirm that it has taken place, but you reserve the right to correct any false impressions which may develop.

Nigel Wicks agrees that in view of the pre-publicity I ought to attend so that I may handle any misreporting or false or tendentious coverage.



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*From the Private Secretary*

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The seminar is schedule to begin at 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 2 October. It will last about two hours, and be divided into three consecutive sessions with a one hour reception afterwards.

The programme is:

1. Prime Minister's opening remarks, introducing Keith Joseph and the other Ministers, and explaining the purpose of the seminar.
2. A session on higher education, beginning with a 5-10 minute introduction by Professor Kenneth Minogue.
3. A session on schools, with a short introduction from Mr John McIntosh.
4. A session on vocational education, with a short introduction from Professor John Ashworth.
5. Prime Minister's closing remarks.

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