

The Lord President thinks the tone and balance and content of the speech exactly right. But he suggests the following for page 32.

At the meeting of the Economic Sub-Committee on 9 December, there was certainly reference to a further meeting of the Committee later in the week. So on a contingency basis, I understand, the Cabinet Office Secretariat rang round to Ministers' offices to check their availability in case a meeting was called. But in the event no firm proposal from the European consortium acceptable to the Westland Board materialised. So there was therefore no question of reconsidering the clear decisions reached collectively at Monday's meeting.

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These conditions laid down a clear line  
of policy and made it unnecessary  
to ~~hold~~ <sup>hold</sup> a future meeting ~~if meeting~~ <sup>unless there were</sup>  
~~developed (as they did) in line~~  
~~with the policy.~~ <sup>unforeseen developments</sup> It was recognised  
that the timetable would allow for  
a future meeting before 4 pm on  
13 December if unforeseen developments  
required one; but no decision to  
hold such a meeting was taken or  
recorded.