

Agreed
R/B

- 1. MR. BUTLER
- 2. MRS. RYDER

- if you agree

- 1. ~~Coyote~~ CP.
Now faced for after
Cabinet on 16/5
- 2. CF. I have communciated
a note from D/En.
Met 10/5

MEETING TO DISCUSS CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE AEA

I have had a word with Andrew Turnbull about the proposed meeting with the Energy Secretary, Sir Robert Armstrong and Sir Robin Nicholson, to which the Prime Minister has agreed. Andrew and I agreed that, on reflection, the meeting might, in the first instance, not involve Sir Robin Nicholson. This would remove the awkwardness which could arise because the major issue reflecting Sir Robin's appointment as the Chairman is the extent to which the authority can adopt the role he proposes.

I have tried the idea out on Energy, and their Secretary of State is happy to play the meeting in this way. They are providing us with a note on their reactions to Sir Robin's proposals, and those two documents will form the basis for the discussion.

Would you please set up a meeting with the Energy Secretary, Sir Robert Armstrong and, I think, the Chancellor. I think we need to set aside 3/4 hr. We should try to fix it up within the next couple of weeks, if at all possible.

11.15 15/5

Mark Addison

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9 May 1985

1. PRRB

2. MRS RYDER

Meeting to discuss Chairmanship of the AEA

As you will see from the attached, the Prime Minister has agreed to a meeting with the Energy Secretary, Sir Robert Armstrong and Sir Robin Nicholson. I think we need to set aside at least $\frac{3}{4}$ hour. From Peter Walker's minute, it is clear that we should try to fix up the meeting sooner rather than later.

Not sent.

D/Rh to report back on the idea of a meeting + Ch/Ex, but not Sir R., to discuss, with benefit of a note from Energy committee re Sir R's note of 30 April.

MAA

Mark Addison

7 May 1985



yes. Pl.
involve
Sir Robert

10 DOWNING STREET Amrthang.

Robin Butler

FRB

For should be aware of
this.

Wanted for me to seek
PM's agreement to a
meeting, as suggested by S/En?

MHA

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