

PRIME MINISTER

CHOGM: BRIEFING MEETING

You have had a first look at some of the Speaking Notes, but not yet the briefs. I suggest that you might deal at the meeting with the following points:-

(i) tactical handling of the South African issue. Do we want only a brief discussion in the executive session with the basic bargaining left for the retreat? How feasible is an outcome which combines:

- Liaison group.
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- (a) a strong statement about the need for a political dialogue about the involvement of blacks in the political process;
 - (b) selective sanctions i.e. by those willing to adopt them;
 - (c) some device such as a Commonwealth contact mission? At what stage do we want to launch compromise ideas such as a package on these lines?

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(ii) at the moment we have formal bilaterals fixed with Kaunda, Mulroney and Hawke fixed early in the proceedings. Are there others to be fixed now? Or wait until we get there?

(iii) what specific outcome do we want to see on:

- drugs;
- security of small states;
- terrorism?

(iv) what sort of outcome are we seeking from the debates on international economic issues?

(v) what sort of structure of final communique should we aim at?

(vi) what extent will it be feasible to pursue your ideas on the format of CHOGM?

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From the Private Secretary

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One or two points emerged from the Prime Minister's briefing meeting this afternoon which need to be followed up.

The Prime Minister thought that the idea of a Commonwealth contact or liaison group had not been properly thought through and needed at the least to be further fleshed out. It would be helpful if some further work could be done on this tomorrow.

The Prime Minister ~~wants~~ some telling statistics about the success of the South African economy. She recalls having seen recently an article by Paul Johnson on the subject. This gave examples of, for instance, the number of university educated blacks, the number in the professions and so on. Could an urgent effort be made to trace this please.

The Prime Minister said again that her draft speaking note on the World Political Scene needed amendment and improvement. I know that you have this in hand.

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