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cc: Mr. Addison

MR. FLESHER

We are to discuss at the next diary meeting the letter from Sir Edward du Cann asking the Prime Minister to meet the All Party Committee on Shipping.

The Chief Whip spoke to me again today about this. As you know, he had advised that the Prime Minister should not meet the Committee. He suggests that she should reply to Sir Edward's letter on the lines that it is not her practice to meet All Party Committees, but that she knows Paul Channon would be willing to talk to them. (Something that we need to confirm). She should go on to say that if Sir Edward wishes to see her after the meeting with Mr. Channon, she would, as always, be willing to meet him.

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