

Sutherland

Mr Puffard spoken to: 22/1
Is contacting other S.O. Ministers.

J.

Spoke to Goold who is
also arranging with Mackay ✓ 22/1

JAW

Chairman
invited 26/1

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PRIME MINISTER

Scotland

Following this morning's meeting you asked for a meeting to be set up with Scottish Ministers and others to discuss how to improve the Party's performance in Scotland and how best to implement the proposals we discussed this morning.

I have provisionally earmarked a one and a half hour slot in the diary at 9.00 am on Wednesday 24th February for this meeting.

Those who you suggested should be present are:

- ✓ - the five Scottish Office Ministers
- ✓ - Lord Goold
- ✓ - John Mackay (subject to Lord Goold's agreement) ✓
- ✓ - Peter Brooke
- ✓ - Brian Griffiths
- ✓ - John O'Sullivan
- Archie Hamilton
- Nigel Wicks
- and myself

Are you happy for me to invite all these to attend the meeting?

JAW
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Yes mt

JOHN WHITTINGDALE

19.1.88

PRIME MINISTER

c Mr. Wicks
Professor Griffiths
Mr. O'Sullivan

SCOTLAND

We are meeting at 10.00 am tomorrow (Tuesday) to discuss what measures can be taken to improve the Conservative Party's performance in Scotland. You will remember that both Malcolm Rifkind and the Policy Unit have prepared papers which contain similar analyses of the present position and the Unit's paper makes a number of suggestions as to what can be done to improve the situation.

I attach copies of both papers.

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to*

JHW

JOHN WHITTINGDALE

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Tuesday 17th
February

AMANDA

SHirley rang to say that
PETER MORRISON will come to
the 9.00 am meeting on
24th Feb instead of the Chairman
who is going to a Budget meeting.

Amanda

5.25 pm