

PRIME MINISTER

1. Tomorrow you are seeing Alistair McAlpine at 5.30 pm.
I don't know what he wishes to discuss, but I did see him at dinner last week. He made some points of complaint about the European election: it should have been a campaign on national domestic issues, the advertisements were bad, he had some criticisms of Peter Brooke, though said some nice things about him in personal terms.
2. I had arranged for you to see Cranley Onslow at 6.30 pm tomorrow at No.10, but as there will be a Division at 7 o'clock, in which he must vote, it might be better if you vote at 7.00 pm, see him in the House after the Division before you have supper at 7.30 pm.

Are you happy with this?

Cranley asked to see you alone and therefore I will not be present. It may be that he wants to talk about personal matters and his future. In this connection you will recall confidential information that David Waddington gave you about the Speaker. He will be retiring at some date between now and the next General Election. The date is not known. Cranley will, of course, also wish to talk to you about any re-suffle, and in particular the Party Chairman.

3. You have agreed to have supper in the House of Commons. I suggest I meet you in your room at 7.30. I think it would be a good idea for me to arrange for some colleagues to join us in Members' Dining Room. I will also arrange for boxes to come over, so that you can work after supper until you depart after the Division.

4. I have also arranged for Norman Tebbit to come to your room at 9.45 pm for a short chat about his discussion with the Chairman of the Moscow Norodny Bank.

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