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PRIME MINISTER FROM CHARLES POWELL

Can I come back to you on the matter we discussed just now. It is extremely aggravating, and very selfish of the two people concerned. I have had yet another go at deterring them, but have not succeeded.

I will of course go ahead and fix for 10 tonight if you confirm that is your preference. My worry is that the fact of the meeting might leak: and news of a late night weekend meeting at Chequers would, in the present climate, be explosive. There is always the risk that a policeman might mention it to someone or something similar.

It would be much easier to pass off a meeting in No.10 tomorrow at any time that you can bear: either very early, e.g., 0815, or after the hairdresser and packing, e.g., 12 o'clock. I really think this would be the more prudent option.

~~Stick to 10 p.m. tonight?~~

or

Set for 0815 tomorrow in London?

Or

Midday tomorrow?

8.15 →