

PRIME MINISTER

THYSSEN

I suggest that you take the opportunity next week of meetings with Ministers to tell them of your enthusiasm for acquiring the Thyssen collection.

You could begin this process at the meeting about the legislative programme at 1100 ^{on Monday} with the Lord President and the Home Secretary since the topic is bound to come up at that meeting in view of the possible need for legislation next session.

You are seeing Mr. Baker the next day for a discussion of student support. He might share your enthusiasm and it would be well worth mentioning the topic to him as well.

I do not know whether you would want to talk to any other Ministers during the week. Mr. Channon, [✓] as a former Minister for the Arts, ought to be supportive. Are there any other of your colleagues whom you would like to talk to?

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